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## WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear WASD Parents/Guardians

### **March 20, 2020 Update**

The purpose of this communication is to provide an update as WASD enters the second week of this state-wide closure. Below are updates and information on the steps we are taking next week. We know that information is moving quickly, and we expect to receive additional updates from Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We will adjust our plans accordingly to any guidance we receive from the federal/state level.

### **School Closure:**

Governor Wolf ordered all PA schools to close from March 16-27, 2020. During this time all school events, field trips, athletics, extra-curricular events, and use of school facilities are canceled. We expect to receive an additional update from Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the next steps for PA schools. We will share any information we receive via our communications and District website.

### **Next Week:**

WASD teachers will receive virtual training next week (March 23-27) to learn how to implement online instruction for students in grades K-12. We will be prepared to provide an online educational program for students on March 30, if PA schools are still closed. Parents/guardians will receive additional information next week regarding educational plans for March 30, and beyond.

### **Hardware/WiFi Needs:**

WASD parents will receive communication next week regarding the distribution of iPads (if needed) for students in grades K-6. We will also provide information for families that may need assistance with a WiFi connection.

### **Testing:**

We have received some testing updates as follows:

The 2019-20 PSSA, PASA, and Keystone exams have been canceled.

The College Board has canceled the SAT exams scheduled for March, April, and May.

The College Board is planning to provide online Advanced Placement (AP) exams, as needed, to ensure all students can complete their courses. Information regarding the SAT and AP exams can be found at the following links:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-covid-19-updates>

**Lunch / Breakfast:**

The Wyomissing Area School District continues to provide lunch/breakfast for all students at the front entrance of our three schools. Meals are provided M-F from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**Educational Resources:**

Our teachers and administrators have compiled educational resources for students in grades K-12. We have added additional resources and students are encouraged to use these materials next week (March 23-27). Please visit the following link to access these extensions and practice activities.

[https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/curriculum and instruction/at home learning resources](https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/curriculum%20and%20instruction/at%20home%20learning%20sources)

Packets were made with handouts for March 16-27, that are available at our three lunch distribution sites.

**Facilities:**

All WASD facilities received a deep cleaning over the past week. We have enlisted the help of a cleaning company to assist our custodial staff. This effort will continue as we move forward.

**Additional Information:**

WASD continues to closely monitor updates from Governor Wolf, PDE, PIAA, Department of Health and the CDC. District communications, links and resources can be found on our District website at the following link:

[https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/health\\_services/coronavirus](https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/health_services/coronavirus)

Thank you to our dedicated employees and supportive community members as we work together to face this challenging issue.

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