



WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear WASD Parents/Guardians

March 24, 2020 Update

This message contains updated information based on the direction we have received from Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We understand that Pennsylvania is developing legislation to govern public schools during this closure period. We will continue to monitor new information and send updates to our employees, parents, and guardians.

Closure:

On March 23, Governor Wolf extended the closure of all PA schools through at least April 8, 2020, for students. In addition to our schools being closed, all athletics, extra-curricular events, and community use of District facilities are canceled through April 8.

School Calendar:

We expect that Governor Wolf and PDE may extend this school closure beyond April 8. We are not changing the 2019-20 WASD school calendar at this point as we expect to receive additional updates on school closure during this time. We will revisit this issue over the next two weeks as we receive additional guidance and direction.

Educational Resources:

Our teachers are receiving training this week to strengthen their ability to provide online instruction. This will begin on March 30, and we will send specific grade-level communications to parents/guardians this week on how to access this instruction. We will also be sending information to parents/guardians of students in 5-6, 3-4 and K-2 regarding the distribution of iPads and computer access for those families that do not have access to technology.

This educational format will be new for students, staff and parents/guardians. We know there will be challenges and opportunities to improve over the upcoming weeks if the school closure is extended. We know we will need to work together and collaborate to support our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Over the next few days (this week), students should continue to use the educational resources compiled by our teachers and administrators for students in grades K-12. Resources can be found at the following link:

https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/curriculum_and_instruction/at_home_learning_resources

Lunch/Breakfast:

We will continue to provide lunch/breakfast for all students M-F from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at the front entrance of each WASD school.

Facilities:

The WREC playground, Flannery Field and Football Stadium have been locked and are closed for public access during this closure. As our other grounds are not locked, we know that community members are using these for walking and outdoor exercise. We ask all community members to follow guidance on social distancing and not form groups on our school grounds. We need parents to share this direction with children and avoid group gatherings on our school grounds.

Robert Scoboria
Superintendent