

Bark River - Harris Schools

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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, last night, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and State Superintendent Michael Rice announced the closure of all Michigan K-12 school buildings, public, private and boarding, starting Monday, March 16 through Sunday, April 5. As the situation for public schools continues to develop, we will do our best to keep you up to date and informed of any changes that develop.

During this three-week mandatory closure, our district will have very limited personnel on site. In respecting the purpose of this closure, which is to reduce possible exposure to, or spread of, the coronavirus, only the following employees will be at school:

Monday and Tuesday – elementary office and central office personnel.
Wednesday and Thursday – junior high/high school office personnel.

If you need to talk with any school personnel, please call 466-9981 or email. Staff contact information can be found at www.brhschools.org. Furthermore, our school building will not be accessible to the general public during this time period. Our district will bring in essential custodial staff and while the building is closed, we will perform a deep, disinfecting clean.

During the next three weeks, all athletic practices, club activities, and building use by outside organizations will be suspended until at least April 6, 2020. Our teachers have sent home materials for students to work on, but no new content standards will be introduced. We want our elementary students to review what they've learned thus far and continue to read. Additionally, we've loaded educational resources on our junior high and high school ipads and encourage our older students to utilize this educational tool.

One significant area of concern that our district is taking very seriously involves feeding children. We are working with Nah Tah Wahsh and will be delivering bagged lunches to this site each day at 11:30 a.m. Furthermore, we are continuing our backpack program and will be delivering non-perishable food items to those participating. We have additional sponsors willing to help with this concern. Any parent that is in need of assistance providing meals during this three-week period should contact the school office and arrangements can be made on a case by case manner.

Our school recognizes that these circumstances may be challenging. Attached to this correspondence is a resource for families that provides useful information related to the coronavirus.

Cordially,

Jason Lockwood, Ed.S

Bark River-Harris Superintendent

Attachment: parent guide to coronavirus