

# MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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At this time, we are facing as a community and school district the very real possibility of the spread of the coronavirus and the resulting public health crisis now affecting us directly.

We are planning to close schools beginning on Monday, March 16, and our schools will remain closed through Friday, April 10. These days will **not** be eLearning days. The days will **not** be made up at a later date as per the Governor's 20 day waiver of the school calendar. At this time, we are not planning to use all the 20 days allowed in the waiver unless circumstances would require us to extend the closing of our schools beyond the date of April 10. If we determine to continue the closing of schools beyond April 10, we will communicate the message to you by phone and by email.

As a school district, we have been and will continue to plan and organize for the closing of our schools through Friday, April 10. The offices of every building will be open during this time and we will be distributing food from Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 26 and Tuesday, April 7 through Friday, April 10. The meals will be bagged and can be picked up at the open door leading to the cafeteria at Mississinewa High School and Westview Elementary. The meals will be free to all students. Further information about food distribution will be provided as soon as possible.

Regarding extra-curricular and athletic activities, all participation, including practices, will be suspended throughout the school closing period. We want you to know that during the time that school is closed, we will be thoroughly disinfecting and cleaning every school building.

If you have questions as it relates to your student's circumstance, then please contact the school building office. The building offices will be open during their regular hours throughout the school closing time with the exception of the designated "spring break" period of Friday, March 27, through Monday, April 6.

Continue to check the links provided on the school website as it relates to the CDC, IDOE, the Board of Health for the state and county, and the EMS.

Finally, we encourage everyone to practice the highly recommended hygiene strategies and preventative measures, including the strategy of "social distancing." If we all use common sense and stay alert and aware of your surroundings, including being considerate of others, we will get through this public health crisis. Remember if you feel sick or suspect you have been exposed to the flu or virus, please stay home and contact your doctor! We wish everyone "good health" and be safe!

Respectfully yours

Mr. McKenzie  
Superintendent