



*"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow"*

April 8, 2020

This is an update for Central City families regarding the district's plan during the COVID-19 shutdown. The Governor has determined that it is in the public health interest of the state for Iowa schools to remain closed through April 30, 2020. All school activities are on hold until after May 1 at this time and hope to be able to reschedule activities upon our return. In fact, the Iowa high school athletic associations recently put forth a revised spring sport schedule that extends the seasons into late May and June. Whatever happens, the district will be as flexible as possible when we are able to return to schools.

Regarding school, included in the Governor's announcement was a provision that addressed schooling during the shutdown. Schools that provide continuous learning opportunities are not required to make up these days. On Tuesday, Central City's Continuous Learning plan was approved by the Department of Education. The plan for the district is to offer voluntary continuous learning for students in grades PK-5 and required continuous learning for students in grades 6-12.

Specific details about continuous learning will be coming out from the principals and teachers for each student. In order to qualify for required continuous learning at the middle school and high school, the staff has been working on high-level teacher and learning experiences for the virtual environment. Another challenge is to make sure that all students have equitable access to devices and the Internet. In the short term, MS/HS teachers are able to accept makeup work from students and update their grade books. In the long term, teachers will be working on communicating with their students about a schedule and format for their classes. A plan will be shared out in the coming week for all grades 6-12 and a student and parent email will lay out details of the weekly plans.

We will continue to update you through the COVID-19 shutdown and look forward to engaging your children.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions.

Tim Cronin, Superintendent

**Central City Community School District**