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MEMO Re: Closure Of Schools Update
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Dear MSAD 54 Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the district's next-steps as a result of our recent school-closure due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As you are aware, Governor Mills has issued a state of emergency, and both federal and state officials have provided guidance that citizens should avoid gatherings of ten (10) or more people and advised us all to practice what is known as "social distancing". As of now, we do not know when our schools will reopen.

At-Home Educational Opportunities for Learning: All school staff worked diligently yesterday and today to produce packets of information that will go home to students in grades PK – 12. These opportunities for learning at home can be found online on our website: <https://sites.google.com/msad54.org/msad54-distance-learning/home> and will be distributed in hard copy on Monday (3/23/20) of next week. Our Special Education students will be receiving customized learning packets that were developed by our special education staff. Teaching staff are available via email throughout school hours, and we encourage you to visit the website(s) for more information.

Meal Distribution: MSAD 54 will begin meal distribution on Thursday (3/19/20). Meals will be delivered by bus and will follow existing bus routes starting at 7:30 Thursday morning. Busses will include meals and educational packets for students who do not normally ride the bus (provided you are at a bus stop). For updated bus route times, please visit: <https://www.msad54.org/bussing-information>.

Schools Closed: Although all MSAD 54 schools will be closed, office staff including office assistants, principals, guidance counselors, and social workers are available by phone. Should anyone need access to materials in the school (ie. "left my Physics book") contact your school directly; our goal is to minimize access to our schools, and even then, only by appointment. Should any parent have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school directly.

As you know, this has been a rapidly evolving situation. We will continue to provide up-to-date information on our website (<https://www.msad54.org/>). Please note that the top of each home-page includes links to our public updates as well as available educational and social/emotional resources for students.

It is important that all families continue to practice and enforce strict social distancing during this time. Although we are in hopes to return to school as soon as possible, we will continue to expand and develop plans to support our children and our communities moving forward. Stay safe.

Sincerely,



Brent Colbry
Superintendent of Schools

Educational Opportunities for Learning can be found online at: <https://sites.google.com/msad54.org/msad54-distance-learning/home>

Information Regarding MSAD 54 School Closure & COVID-19 Health Measures/information:
<http://www.msad54.org/public>