

# **USD 467 Wichita County Public Schools**

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To the Wichita County Community:

Governor Laura Kelly's announcement on the closure of all Kansas school buildings, creates a task for the district to figure out what education will look like for our students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Parents, please watch for a Swift Reach message that will contain a survey link. Please complete the survey as soon as possible, because your input is needed in order to help us with planning.

We understand the hardship a school closure places on our families, as well as the social and emotional impact it may have on our students. Our district administrative team will meet Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, to begin to address concerns. During this week, we will work with teachers to develop a Continuous Learning Plan for USD 467-Leoti. We hope to have the plan ready for implementation by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our custodial staff has been hard at work sanitizing all our buildings this week. We know our students have personal items in our buildings, and at a later date, we will provide an opportunity for them to collect their belongings.

USD 467 will serve a free breakfast and lunch to all children 1-18 years of age beginning on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Children must be present to receive a meal. All meals will be Grab-N-Go prepackaged meals. We are still working on the best plan for meal distribution, and will let you know when the details are worked out.

This is uncharted territory, and we realize this may not be perfect. We ask that you give us grace during this time. With the state's guidance and the dedication of our faculty and staff, I am confident we will provide a Continuous Learning Plan that meets the needs of our students. We are committed to working together as a community to support one another through this difficult and unprecedented time. Communication will remain a top priority. We will provide regular updates via our district Facebook page and website.

At this time, all district-sponsored events are cancelled. This includes athletics, concerts, dances, field trips, and graduation ceremonies. **We will make a determination about Parent-Teacher conferences when we meet on Monday.** This school closure is in response to the current public health crisis. The focus should remain on preventing the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. We urge the community to continue to follow guidance from CDC, KDHE, and Wichita County Health Department.

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