

# **CLINTON PRAIRIE SCHOOL CORPORATION**

March 27, 2020

Dear Clinton Prairie School Corporation Parents and Guardians,

We were informed by Governor Holcomb that all Indiana schools will remain closed at least through May 1, 2020 with the first student day for Clinton Prairie School Corporation commencing on May 4, 2020.

Clinton Prairie will continue with planned eLearning days on March 30 - April 3, 2020. Beginning April 6, 2020, we will shift our focus and efforts on providing instruction through eLearning to utilize waiver days as approved by the Governor of Indiana. We are planning to conduct eLearning days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and apply for waiver days on Mondays and Fridays. This plan is pending on board approval and would not begin until the week of April 6, 2020.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as our school district works furiously to shift our learning objectives, provide food for families, and assist in helping students through individual needs. We are planning to distribute Chromebooks to grades 4-6 next week. More information will be coming for families of students in these grade levels, as well as information on a device-distribution process.

We will be sure to update you as things evolve. We do expect our last student day to remain Thursday, May 28, 2020, but this may change depending upon further guidance from the Governor. Our graduation date has not changed; we are still scheduled to have graduation on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

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## **A few important notes:**

We will continue food distribution for students each week we are out of school. Our next food distribution date will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Our distribution takes place at four different locations throughout the corporation. The locations are:

- Antioch Church (new church)
- Jefferson Church
- Mulberry United Methodist Church
- Colfax United Methodist Church

A Google survey has been sent to each family encouraging them to sign up for the food distribution so we can get an accurate count of student meals to prepare. Each student meal kit includes 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals.

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The food distribution process will look different this Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Families will be asked to stay in their car, and our staff will place food items into their trunk. A School Reach message will be sent with pick up times for families. Thank you for working with us as we continue to follow health department recommendations.

More information regarding Chromebook distribution for grades 4-6 will be forthcoming. Our administrators are continuing to work with staff to provide them with resources, training, and information they may need to provide instruction but also emphasizing a sense of connection and community with their students. The staff has been working with Zoom meetings, recording video lessons, Facebook, and reaching out to students via email, phone, and conventional mail.

It is incredibly difficult to shift all functions of a school district to provide services remotely in such a short period of time. We appreciate your patience as we work through this together. Maintaining the connections with our students and families is critical, and we will do everything we can to enhance that relationship during challenging times.

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## **Attendance and turning in eLearning work:**

We are working on a plan to return eLearning materials from the week before Spring Break. For grades 4-6, this may come in the form of turning in completed eLearning materials when picking up a Chromebook during a set distribution time. For grades K-3, turning in work and receiving additional eLearning work may take the form of a mass mailing including a prepaid envelope to send back completed eLearning materials. Our staff will be working on a plan for this process early next week.

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## **State Exams:**

All IREAD, ILEARN, ISTEP+, ISPROUT, and IAM assessments have been canceled for 2020.

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## **Spring Events:**

We know there are a lot of questions about spring sports, winter awards night, 8th grade orientation, graduation, etc. We are working through these issues and will communicate with you once decisions are finalized.

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## **Census:**

The 2020 Census count impacts the federal funds that schools receive each year for programs and services to students. This includes special education, after-school care, grant funding, and lunch programs. Counting your child in the 2020 census could mean \$10,000 of additional funding for schools over the next ten years. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.census.indiana.edu/> #EveryHoosierChildCounts.

## **Student Supports:**

**Counseling:** If your child is struggling, please reach out to your teacher, principal, or school counselor. We are here to help support your child any way that we can.

**Technology:** If you have a problem with your technology and need tech help, please email [jcullom@cpssc.k12.in.us](mailto:jcullom@cpssc.k12.in.us), or [jmyers@cpssc.k12.in.us](mailto:jmyers@cpssc.k12.in.us). You can also call the administrative office at 765-659-1339. Feel free to utilize our school parking lot to access the wifi. We will be working to boost the strength of that signal in the next few days.

I am so proud of our staff who have been working relentlessly to gather meaningful resources, learn new platforms on the fly, and to plan instruction differently. Beyond the instructional component, please know that we are here for your family.

Stay Positive, Stay Strong,

Respectfully,

Amanda Whitlock  
Superintendent

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