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**USD 110 Thunder Ridge Patrons, Board of Education and Staff**

Today, March 17, 2020 Governor Laura Kelly announced all school facilities will close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We are working with the Kansas State Department of Education to develop alternative learning opportunities for all students and will share more information soon.

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 leadership team and Board of Education have been developing a contingency plan since mid-March, including how to provide breakfast and lunch for our students.

We are working on a plan to provide meals for those students that need them during the week. The school district is applying for a waiver so that we are able to serve meals. The meals will be of a "Grab and Go" nature. Pickup locations will be designated as soon as the waiver is approved. More information will be provided this week.

We are also working on other critical issues, such as what this means for our seniors and how this will affect next school year. We will provide updates on these issues as soon as the information is available. **We do not anticipate delivering any type of instruction to students prior to Monday, March 30, 2020.** Teachers will use the week of March 23 -27 to work on lesson plans and collaborate on the best ways to best serve our students.

We are committed to working together as a community to support one another throughout these unprecedented times, and communication will remain a top priority.

As a reminder, 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 as it is also referred to.

Please be mindful of the following:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing (cough/sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue).
- Please keep sick children at home.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

Follow additional guidance from these sources:

- [National Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment \(KDHE\)](#)

Sincerely,

Jeff A. Yoxall, USD 110 Superintendent  
Thunder Ridge Schools