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Dear Itasca School District Families and Staff Members:

Based on the rapidly evolving situation of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and recommendations from public health officials to limit public gatherings, **Itasca School District 10 is closing all school buildings to students effective the end of today, March 13 through April 5. In addition, all activities and events at the schools are cancelled through spring break.**

Please anticipate that next week's five missed school days will likely be made up in the future once school reopens. How the remaining days will be handled will be evaluated and determined next week as this situation develops. I will work with the Board of Education next week to set future school scheduling for make-up days. Please expect further communication in that regard next week. At this point, Itasca School District 10 is not providing E-Learning days which also act as school days from home. Please expect another communication today titled "Continued Learning Opportunities" which will offer several resources for continued learning in the meanwhile. These resources are optional. Spring break will run as previously scheduled on the 2019-20 school calendar from March 30 through April 3.

Additionally, we are reminding all students and staff members, who may be travelling to any area listed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Advisories [with a Level 2 or above Travel Notice](#), to stay home and self-quarantine for 14 days following their return. This is more stringent than the initial message communicated that just pertained to Level 3 countries.

Students will be notified TODAY (after this notification to parents) to bring home all their devices, chargers and any materials they would need to continue learning. Students and parents should monitor the [district's website](#), check email and TeacherEase for further communications.

Thank you in advance for your support as we implement what is best for our students and staff during this unprecedented time. We understand this may cause challenges for some families; however, we believe this is in the best interest for our school community at this time. Please keep in mind that the safety and wellness of our students remain at the forefront of our decision-making process.

We will consult with our local health officials over spring break to evaluate when it is safe for our students and staff to return to our facilities. Please expect that we will continue sending out regular updates to keep you informed of timely decisions.



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