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March 15, 2020

Dear SCHS families:

As we notified you of on Friday afternoon, Governor Pritzker mandated that all Illinois public schools close from March 17 through March 31.

The SCHS staff members and administration have been working hard to create plans that address the academic and nutritional needs of our students to the best of our ability under the circumstances. We have been in communication with the Illinois State Board of Education, school associations, and state health agencies. Please note that all decisions have been made following their requirements and recommendations.

Information will be reviewed on a daily basis and plans may change as we move forward. It is important to stay tuned to designated school information sources. We will send email and voice messages to the parent/guardian contact information provided to us at registration. We will also post information on our school's Facebook page and various Twitter accounts, as well as the district website: [www.salemhigh.com](http://www.salemhigh.com).

Here is what next week will look like at this time:

Monday, March 16

- We will be using our Primetime Schedule with school starting at 9:00 AM for students with normal procedures for student absences.
- Students should be prepared to bring home materials including iPads, binders, notebooks, or textbooks/books for possible use during school closure.

Tuesday, March 17 thru Monday, March 30

- No in-school attendance for students.
- We will begin E-Learning Days on Tuesday, March 17th. Students will need to log-in to Schoology by 10:00 AM each morning. Teachers will have assignments, activities, and expectations for the day. Specific details for each class will be provided to students by

their teachers on Monday. Students that do not have internet connections should discuss this with teachers on Monday.

- The district will begin a breakfast/lunch program to better serve our student's needs during the closure. Please fill out the Google form that will be sent via Skylert or use the link located at the top of the school webpage if your student will need food over the break. We will release the details of how food will be distributed once we have determined the number of students in need and the best way to distribute. This form will also be sent to students on Monday.
- All extracurricular activities, practices, events, and competitions will be suspended from this point forward during the school closure.
- Please remember that this is a learning day and not an extension of spring break; part of the reason that students are not present is to increase social distancing.

The governor's school closure continues the week of March 23-March 27 (Monday-Friday) and also includes closure on Monday, March 30. This is a 14-day time span which is the current recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control. At this time, we are scheduled to resume school on Tuesday, March 31. This date will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis and could change.

#### Health Reminders:

The coronavirus is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge you to speak to your child about the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

Again, please know this is a rapidly changing situation and we will be monitoring it and may need to adjust our plans. The teachers, staff, and administrators stand ready to support and assist your family during this time.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Brad Detering  
Superintendent