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Dear West Bend-Mallard Community School District Families:

We want to take a moment to update you on the latest information regarding our response to the COVID-19 situation. As you know, this is all changing very rapidly. This update will give you a current state as of March 17, 2020. We anticipate additional updates as the situation develops across the state.

We have been, are, and will continue to stay informed of the guidelines and recommendations coming from the Centers for Disease Control, the Iowa Department of Public Health, Community Health, and the Iowa Department of Education. We will be following their recommendations and lead in this situation.

At this time, the state has recommended school closures. Therefore, we will be doing the following things to keep our community safe:

- School will be cancelled through Friday, March 27, 2020. Before that date, we will decide if we need to extend our closure. As you know, things have been changing so rapidly and Governor Reynolds has recommended closure through April 10, 2020.
- Until further notice, school field trips/events will be postponed/cancelled. We will be updating you when we return to school of what has been rescheduled and what has been cancelled.
- Access to all district facilities are off limits for any events, practices, and/or personal use. Community events to be held in West Bend-Mallard's facilities will be postponed or cancelled. AAU or club sports, community-based recreation practices and/or fine arts rehearsals and performances will be postponed until further notice.
- All athletic, drama, and music events and practices are cancelled through April 10, 2020 as mandated by the Boys and Girls Athletic Associations and the Music Association.
- Students will not be required to learn online or do learning from home. However, high school students taking an online college course will be expected to fulfill the requirements of the course. This is a directive from Iowa Lakes Community College. Students taking a face to face college course from a WBM teacher will need to watch their email for information. We are still waiting to hear the directive from Iowa Lakes regarding these courses.
- Governor Reynolds and the legislators have waived the time that we miss due to COVID-19, so at this time we do not plan on making these days up.
- The business office will be open every day to the public from 10:00-2:00. If possible, please call first before coming in and we will see if we can help you over the phone. This could change if the government mandates shutdowns.

Preventing the Spread of the Virus

Finally, you play a vital role in helping to prevent the spread of viruses. These steps may sound simple but are important.

They include:

- Cover your mouth with your upper arm or tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home if any flu-type symptoms present themselves.
- Practice social distancing.

What we are doing:

- Deep cleaning while the students and staff are gone.
- Wiping down highly touched areas with disinfectant wipes every day.
- Wiping down classroom items with disinfectant wipes every day.

As always, please feel free to call with any questions. We are all in this uncharted territory together. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time!

Sincerely,

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