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Dear Parents and Guardians of District 115 Students,

I want to share some information regarding the facts, plans, and resources available to the students and families of Whiteside School District 115 that are affected due to the Governor's school closure executive order.

- Monday, March 16, 2020– **No school for students.** All teachers and staff will be in attendance for a Teacher's Institute Day.
 - *The school will be open on Monday from 2-7 pm for families to pick up text books and learning materials*
- Tuesday, March 17, 2020– School Closure per Governor's Executive Order through March 30th with a POSSIBLE return on Tuesday March 31st. The Governor will provide updates to schools in the event the risk of Covid-19 is still high. Whiteside will share information regarding changes to this schedule as factual information is received from the Governor's Office or from the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Teachers will be working to create education packets and e-learning lessons for students to work on during the closure. The elementary school will use our MobyMax Student Accounts while the middle school will use Google Classroom. Please understand that this situation is very fluid and is constantly changing. The District's goal is to try to engage students at some level of learning to keep a continuity in place when they return. The context of the lessons might be review, new material, or skill building. We are asking all teachers to create different lesson to give students multiple options in multiple subjects.
- Daily lunches will be offered similar to how the district handles our Summer Sack's programs. We anticipate this program beginning on Wednesday, March 18. The lunch sacks will be available at no cost to students from ages 3 -18. I will be sending out more information regarding delivery times, locations, and other information as it becomes available.
- All extra-curricular events, athletics games or practices, and outside groups events have been cancelled or postponed during the school closure.
- District 115's Custodial Staff will be continuing with and initiating more deep cleaning practices of all buildings and student areas.
- We remind all stakeholders to work with the district in helping contain the spread of this virus or other sicknesses.
 - Stay home if you are sick
 - If you have Covid-19 symptoms, please first contact your health care providers for instructions
 - If you feel you have been exposed to the virus please self-quarantine – the county health department is recommending 14 days.
- Updated information will be provided via our school messenger all call system as well as our Skyward email blasts and posted on the District 115 website.

The CDC is suggesting limiting social contact due to the concerns of the spread of the virus and taking preventive measures as much as possible. Please work together and be patient as details develop and are sent out to families within the district.

Respectfully,

Mark Heuring
Superintendent

Whiteside's mission is to help all learners reach their maximum potential so that they may become tomorrow's leaders.