

Twin Cedars Family,

Today, Friday April 17th, Governor Kim Reynolds announced that all schools in Iowa will remain closed through the end of the school year to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

This announcement will continue to affect all Twin Cedars Community School District programming, including before- and after-school activities, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and all weekend events. It is our hope that we will be able to reschedule prom and graduation for later this summer, but we do not yet know how these events will look. We will be sure to give you plenty of notice as to when these activities will occur.

I know this decision has caused a great deal of concern and disappointment for our students, staff, and families. The pandemic arrived quickly, and when we first were directed to close our school buildings in March, we did not realize it would be the last time we would see our students in person this school year. Please know that we share in your disappointment.

Per our district calendar, the last day of school for students is Wednesday, May 27. We will continue with virtual learning until that date, just as we have over the past several weeks. We encourage all families to keep their students engaged in these activities to ensure learning continues to take place through the end of the school year. Our staff is ready to assist all families in these efforts, as well.

We need our families' support in engaging students in the learning resources we have provided. Doing nothing from March 16 to August 24 will not prepare children to be successful next school year. Our staff is here to help you bridge this gap.

We will continue school lunch services through the extended school closure, as well. Currently, we are delivering meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These deliveries will continue through Wednesday May 27.

Once again, thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this unprecedented time. We will get through this together. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing, and remain at home as much as possible.

Sincerely,

Brian VanderSluis, Superintendent