

DC-G Families,

I want to extend my gratitude to both the Dallas Center Center and Grimes communities for the outpouring of support and understanding during this unprecedented time. We miss your children, but we will continue to follow the guidelines recommended by our government, the CDC and the Iowa Department of Public Health to keep our communities safe. We look forward to having students back in school on April 13th. Below please find information for frequently asked questions.

### **Building Closures**

There will not be access to buildings after March 23 at 3 PM. We want to ensure safety. If you have questions, please communicate to your building principal and or secretary via email. This will be the best form of communication to get answers to questions in a more timely manner. If you do not have access to email, please call the District Office, 515-992-3866.

### **Suggested Online Learning Resources**

We do not expect parents to take on the role as a classroom teacher, but wanted to provide some resources we suggest to keep students engaged in learning as much as possible during this time.

We have put together some resources for you. [DC-G Home Enrichment Site](#)

This is not a comprehensive list, but a place to get started. It's easy to get overwhelmed with all of the information out there. We would recommend starting with one or two resources, and keep it simple. Having a structured routine will help, and giving your children a chance to read, write, respond, solve, communicate, move, create, and discover will sustain and build learning.

### **Last day of school**

The Iowa Legislature passed a bill stating that Iowa schools will not need to reschedule days of class canceled due to the coronavirus that was signed by Governor Reynolds. Our last day of school pending no further developments will be Thursday, June 4th. The Department of Education has also announced that Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) has been suspended until further notice.

### **Additional Resources**

Employee and Family Resources (EFR) is prepared to continue serving our students and families. Their phone services will not be interrupted and many of the counselors have access to telehealth counseling options. Do not hesitate to reach out if you would like assistance during this difficult and uncertain time. There are three, easy ways to connect with EFR:

- Phones are answered 24-hours a day and can be reached at 800.327.4692.
- [Chat with EFR online](#)
- [Email EFR](#)

For more information about this virus and the most recent updates related to the outbreak, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: [CDC Information](#).

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support during this time. We are in this together. I will continue to reach out as items unfold. Please stay tuned to your email, our website and app for updates.

Scott Grimes, Superintendent