

April 9, 2020

Dear Springville Families,

Our school closure has been extended at this point through April 30, and we continue to receive updated information from the Iowa Department of Education and from Governor Reynolds. I want to provide an update regarding the next steps for the Springville CSD learning opportunities. Although we hope to return on May 1, we are moving forward with instructional decisions that are intended to help address the next few weeks and, if need be, a possible closure beyond that point as well.

When Governor Reynolds announced the extended closure, schools were given guidance and 3 options on how to proceed with continuous learning which included: Provide no opportunities; Voluntary Educational Enrichment opportunities; and Required Educational opportunities. I have attached a summary from the Department of Education below that was given to schools to explain the options. After discussion amongst the administration and the Building Leadership Team, we have decided that offering Voluntary Educational Enrichment Opportunities is the best for our district. Based on the length of time left in the school year, challenges with accessibility issues, and the ability to address IDEA needs this is the best direction for the district at this time. Although this is optional, we ask all parents to encourage your child/children to participate in these opportunities. We understand this will work well for some families; however, might be challenging for others. Please understand this is new for all of us, so we ask for flexibility and communication with staff to make this run as smoothly as possible for the best interest of students.

The principals and staff have been working on and organizing plans to serve their students. In the very near future, they will be reaching out to you if they have not already done so to communicate the district's plan with detailed information, provide opportunities/resources for students, and answer any questions you have moving forward.

As a district, we will continue to provide meals through the end of the school year. Please take advantage of this opportunity and remember if you order lunches please make sure you stop and pick those up as well, so we are not over-preparing extra meals.

During this time, we will face many challenges but know that we, as a district, have the Springville students, families and community in our thoughts and prayers. I look forward to when we can all be together again, but for now, we need to continue to abide by recommendations and to do our part in containing the spread of the Coronavirus. Stay safe everyone.

Sincerely,

Pat Hocking

Superintendent of Springville CSD