



Maple Lake Public School

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Dear Maple Lake Families,

Today, Governor Tim Walz and Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker announced that all Minnesota public schools will close to students starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 with the plan to resume instruction on Monday, March 30, 2020. Maple Lake Public Schools and St. Timothy School will hold classes on Monday, March 16, but will not have classes from Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 27, 2020. Extracurricular activities are suspended effective immediately. Our health office personnel will be contacting parents of students who have medication in the health office. We ask all students to take their books and other study materials home on Monday, March 16 in the event the closure is extended beyond the original timeframe. All families interested in receiving school breakfasts and lunches at no cost may have them delivered by completing the survey at this link. [Student Interest Meal Survey](#) Kidville will be open as normal on Monday, March 16, but will only be open for children of health care workers beginning on Tuesday, March 17. Please call Lori at (320) 963-6415 for information.

During the school closure for students, Maple Lake Public Schools and St. Timothy School will be joining school districts and charter schools across the state to create plans to equitably distribute distance learning to our students should we need to close schools statewide for a longer period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minnesota Department of Education is defining distance learning to mean that a student receives daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s) and appropriate educational materials. Starting March 30, 2020, per the instruction from the Minnesota Department of Education, student learning will continue for the rest of the school year.

Our educators will be giving thoughtful planning to our distance learning plan, offering careful consideration for students in a variety of areas, including students receiving special education services, multilingual learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students who rely on meals served at school.

Once our distance learning plan is finalized we will communicate the plan to families by email and our school district website.

As always, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. We also want to ensure every child has access to the education they need and deserve. We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Mark Redemske, Superintendent
Maple Lake Public Schools