



March 17, 2020

Dear Cardinal Community,

To help ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff, and to do our part in trying to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, **the Clinton School District will be closed through Friday, March 27th** (this includes all athletic practices, activities, events, etc.). We will reassess the situation next Wednesday, March 25th and make a decision about the possibility of extending the closure based on information available at that time.

We understand that this extended school closure will create hardships for many of our families. Please know that we are doing our very best to make decisions that will help care for all of our students, staff, families and community.

During this extended school closure, school staff are working on providing the following to our students:

- **Meal Services**-The District will be providing free breakfast and lunch to our students during the school closure (beginning on Monday, March 23rd). These “grab and go” options will be provided in a variety of ways. Please watch our website and social media sites for more details in the days ahead.
- **Continuity of Learning**-During the extended school closure we cannot fully substitute for classroom instruction, but the learning support we provide will allow for the continuity and momentum of learning. In the coming days, our website will contain more information regarding the “at-home” learning that is available to our students.
- **Communication**-Your child’s teacher(s) will be available via school email. Please reach out to them as needed with questions that may arise. As this is a dynamic and quickly evolving situation, please follow our school website (www.clintoncardinals.org) and social media channels for updates. The District will also use our mass communication system to communicate with parents via text messages, phone calls, emails and app notifications.

Some have asked what this school closure will mean for the end of the school year. There is a strong possibility that the District would extend the school year through May 22nd, and then work with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to apply for waivers.

We know this closing does not come without inconvenience to many CSD families, and we appreciate your willingness to work together as we try to keep our community healthy.

On that note, we feel it's our responsibility to reiterate that the purpose for this school closing is to aid in keeping our community healthy through recommended social distancing. Please take the advice of health professionals when it comes to public interaction. As tempting as it will be to get out of the house, please limit those outings for necessities. Our actions as a community over the next week could have a significant impact on the trajectory of COVID-19 in the area.

Together we will get through this.

Sincerely,

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