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# Port Edwards Public Schools

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Dear students and families:

As we come to the conclusion of the first week of our school closure, I first want to thank each of you for the tremendous work you have done. We have seen many examples of students being creative in their school work, support from parents and other family members in those efforts and your positive spirit has been noted among the teachers and other staff.

I also want to thank our food service department which has converted from a sit-down cafeteria model to a drive-through/take-out model and today served about 150 meals. Thank you so much lunch ladies!

- During scheduled spring break (March 23 through March 27) there will be no food service. Food service will continue on Monday, March 30 with hours being expanded and meals served from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Further, our maintenance/cleaning staff has been very busy deep cleaning buildings, the office staff has been coordinating a lot of activities and our teaching staff has been busy converting to a new way of learning.

At this point, the governor has ordered that schools will not resume normal operations for the duration of the public health emergency or a subsequent order from the governor lifts this specific restriction. At this time, we have no indication of when school will resume as normal.

Rest assured, we will do everything that we can to make certain that each student has the opportunity to be successful. For our Seniors, your graduation from JEHS grows closer each day. Our staff is working on how to ensure that each graduate has every opportunity to be successful in your future endeavors. For our other high school students working on accumulating credits toward your eventual graduation, the staff is working to make sure you continue to make the necessary progress to keep you on track. For students in the elementary and middle school grades, the staff is also working on making sure you continue to build the important skills for your success.

At this time, there is uncertainty in whether or not we will be able to go on with activities such as spring sports, having prom or even possibly the graduation ceremony. However, once the District is able to resume normal operations, staff will look to do what we can to facilitate the many positive activities that were planned, this may have to look different or not be what was originally envisioned, but it is important to revitalize our sense of community when we can come together again. Over the coming days and weeks, I know that there will be many ideas from students, staff and parents on what this will look like for our schools, we will work together on this!

There are numerous questions that we are working to answer and as we return from the normally scheduled spring break, we will work to provide answers and guidance. Some of those questions are:

- What will be required class work?
- How will standards be assessed?
- How will grades/feedback be given?

We are working on those answers in this unprecedented situation. The building principals are communicating with staff and we will work to bring you updates and information as it is available. I hope that during the break that each of you can truly find some peace and take a break from both school and the constant barrage of news. Make sure to keep yourselves healthy and active!

Yours truly,

Kyle Cronan  
District Administrator