

Hinckley-Big Rock
Community Unit School District #429



Ready to go...

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Subject: Coronavirus

Dear Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 Students, Staff, and Families,

In light of Governor Pritzker's announcement today, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429 schools will be closed on March 17th and 18th. We will be open and have school on Monday, March 16th. We will be working this weekend to solidify our plans of how we will utilize Royal Remote Learning and will have communication laying out the next week that will be sent out on Monday. Remember that there is no student attendance on March 19th and 20th and we have spring break March 23rd through March 27th. Unless further directed by the State of Illinois, we will return to school on Tuesday, March 31st.

I also want to provide an additional update and direction on steps we are taking as a district. This afternoon our district, along with the rest of the districts from DeKalb County, met with the DeKalb County Health Department. Based on this meeting and their press release that was shared late last night, we are making changes related to our scheduled competitions, gatherings, and concerts.

The DeKalb County Health Department, along with Winnebago, Boone, and Ogle County Health Departments, have provided guidance that all public gatherings and events of 25 or more people be suspended until further notice. Although the state of Illinois released their guidance of a 250 threshold yesterday, the local threshold was determined based on local community considerations and by looking at other like-institution recommendations.

Utilizing that guidance, effective immediately, all field trips, after school competitions, concerts, and social gatherings will be suspended until further notice. Additionally, all visitors and outside classroom presenters will not be allowed to come into the buildings. All after school academic assistance will still occur as well as practices for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities at HBRHS and HBRMS. This is a very fluid situation and we will closely monitor and work with the DeKalb County Health Department to make any needed changes to this approach.

We continue to prepare and plan for the event that school is potentially cancelled for a longer period of time. We will also continue to monitor the situation, make contingency plans, and keep our lines of communication open. Be on the lookout for an update next Monday, 3.16.2020.

Sincerely,


Dr. Travis L. McGuire
Superintendent