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Conrad Public Schools & COVID-19 (#3)

Conrad Students, Families, Staff, and Community Members:

As I am sure you have all seen by now, Governor Bullock has called for the closure of all schools for the next two weeks in the state of Montana. Conrad Public Schools is officially closed at this time. This includes all previously scheduled activities, meetings, or anything planned to take place on CPS campus. Facilities will not be open to the public or students for a minimum of the two weeks Governor Bullock has called for.

The state is committing a tremendous amount of resources by issuing this shutdown and I urge all of you to do everything you can to comply. In order to increase the effectiveness of such a shutdown, it is imperative that we do whatever we can to minimize any social contact with others. While we will not eliminate the threat, I hope that we can help “flatten the infectious curve”.

CPS staff and administration are currently working hard to prepare to offer our students an effective distance education program over the next two weeks and will be prepared to extend it if necessary. On Monday, March 16th, we will all be working to do everything we can to setup a distance education program for K-12 students. In order to support these efforts, I ask that all students and parents be available for communication so that our teachers can prepare all necessary needs for your children to be successful over the next two weeks. Many students may need physical materials and supplies such as textbooks, chromebooks, paper, pencils, etc. in order to be successful. Please be sure to communicate these needs with our staff as they reach out to you tomorrow as they will be preparing packets for individual students to pick up on Tuesday. We will communicate how this “curbside” pickup will be conducted for each student’s “packets”.

We will also be developing a system to administer meals through our free and reduced lunch program for our students. This will be done in a similar curbside/grab and go fashion.

These next two weeks will be a challenge for us all. I know that our team here at CPS will do everything we can to help our students continue to move forward and succeed. I ask that everyone does all they can to help our students. This is not a time to sit back and relax, but a time to demonstrate our resolve and work together for our students. Thank you for all your support and hard work for our school, community, and most importantly our children.

Sincerely,

Sean Beddow, Superintendent
Conrad Public Schools