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We are writing to you because of our continued commitment to the health and safety of our students, staff and community. Yesterday, Governor Ricketts and Commissioner of Education, Dr. Blomstedt called for additional efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 that included the closure of all schools by this Friday and a continued closure through April 3rd. **Lakeview Community Schools will comply with this recommendation and remain closed until April 3rd. We will work with state and local officials to reevaluate the situation every two weeks to determine the next steps forward.**

Our teaching staff are working on plans to provide learning packets and digital lessons for our students. While this will be different than regular education, this continuity of education plan will keep moving our student's education forward during the school closure. **Please know that we are planning for continued learning via learning packets and online education to begin on Monday, March 23rd.** Information on how education will be provided to your students will be shared through our messaging system (text and email) in the coming days as those plans are finalized. A summary of this information:

- March 17th-March 20th – NO SCHOOL
- March 20th *at the latest* – Information on packet learning and online learning will be distributed to parents and students
- March 23rd to April 3rd – Packet learning and online learning will begin for all K-12 LCS students

FREE sack lunch and breakfast will be available to ALL students for pick-up at the following locations daily from 11:00AM to 12:30PM beginning on Friday, March 20th:

- Lakeview Jr./Sr. High – Southwest Doors
- Shell Creek Elementary – West Cafeteria Door
- Platte Center – Front Door
- ALL Regular Bus Drop-off Locations – Country View, Country Mobile, Silver Park

Other Items that needs addressed:

- All activities are postponed indefinitely. This means no practices, games, concerts, banquets, etc.
 - We know there are large events upcoming for students including prom, graduation, etc. We will NOT be making any decisions on cancelling these events until we are absolutely forced into that

Lakeview Jr.-Sr. High School
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Steve Borer – Principal
Jake Shadley – Assistant Principal/Activities
Kurt Frenzen – JH Dean of Students
Dan Krueger – JH Activities Director
Phone: 402-564-8518
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Platte Center Elementary
Box 109 (155 Platte St.)
Platte Center, NE 68653
Quentin Witt –Principal
Phone: 402-246-3465

Shell Creek Elementary
16786 - 280th Street
Columbus, NE 68601
Erin Craven – Principal
Phone:402-564-8008

decision. Everything is postponed from now until April 3rd, and we will re-assess every two weeks as more guidance is provided. We want these events to happen, and will NOT cancel until forced to do so.

- Internet and Devices Access
 - We sent a survey about internet and device access. We have large group of students that do not have access to internet at home, and we have yet to find a great solution to this issue. The educational packets provided will have the same information as anything provided electronically. ALL students will get the same information and basic educational opportunities either in educational packets or online. More information on this will happen by March 20th, at the latest.

We are in uncharted territory and doing our best to help all students during the closure. Our staff is dedicated to creating the best learning environment and opportunities possible during the school closure, exactly as they would if we had regular education. While this is not a perfect situation, we are going to make the best of it. Because we are “Lakeview Strong”!

Sincerely,

Aaron Plas

Dr. Aaron Plas
Superintendent
Lakeview Community Schools