



March 13, 2020

Dear Wauwatosa School District Families -

The safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority and as the District continues to monitor Coronavirus (COVID-19) globally and around the United States, we believe it is in the best interest of our students, families, and staff that we move to **digital lessons beginning Tuesday, March 17**, to help prevent the spread of disease and play our role in the “flattening of the curve” that you’ve likely heard public health officials discuss. We have been in communication with the Wauwatosa Health Department and have their support in this decision.

Classes for all students grades 4K-12 will move to digital learning beginning Tuesday, March 17-20. Spring Break is March 23rd-27th and there will be no online learning during this time. We will be monitoring the situation over the next two weeks. **We will provide updates as they are available.**

Beginning on the evening of Monday, March 16, ALL after-school curricular activities, day trips, etc. including athletic practice, will be canceled for the next two weeks. This includes all programming through the Wauwatosa Recreation Department. Additionally, child care through Right At School, which utilizes our school buildings, will not be available during the school closure.

We know an extended closure of school may be a hardship for a number of our families and we will work to support all families.

Food Service: We will provide Grab-and-Go lunch for families interested in this service. Normal lunch billing procedures will apply. Daily lunch pick-up will be Tuesday-Friday next week at Longfellow and Whitman Middle Schools from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Families utilizing this service [must fill out this form](#) or call Food Services at (414) 773-2635 by end of day Monday and indicate how many meals they will need each day and which location they will pick up at.

Special Education: More information about special education services, related services, and special education compliance will come from your child’s teacher.

Online Learning: We will have school on Monday, March 16, so that teachers can go over the plans for digital lessons with their students.

- **At the elementary level,** more information on digital lessons will come from your child’s principal and classroom teacher on Monday.
- **At the secondary level,** students will all be provided chrome books (high school already has, adding at middle school) so they can access online lesson plans. We are working with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for guidance. Teachers will use Monday to go over the plan with students. More information will come from your child’s classroom teacher and principal on Monday and Tuesday next week for how you can access your child’s digital lessons.

- We will be working with families of all grade levels that do not have access to the internet at home to ensure your child can participate in digital learning.

Travel: The Wisconsin Department of Health Services advises against any non-essential travel, even within the United States. [If you do plan to travel over Spring Break, please fill out this form.](#) Staff and families must notify the District of any travel to U.S. States with confirmed community spread of COVID-19 or any international travel to countries with a Level 2 or Level 3 Health Notice. Per CDC guidelines, you will be asked to self quarantine for 14 days if you have or are planning to travel to countries with Level 2 or Level 3 Health Notices. Additionally, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has advised against traveling to areas in the US with sustained community transmission (community spread) and is advising anyone who does travel to these states to isolate for 14 days in your home. Learn more on our FAQ at www.wauwatosaschools.org/coronavirus.

As a reminder, We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. [We encourage everyone to practice every day preventative measures recommended by the CDC.](#) During these closures, the CDC also discourages students and staff from gathering at friends houses and in groups and to practice social distancing.

It is important to note that COVID-19 transmission has NO connection to ethnic background. Please continue to extend compassion and kindness to our friends, neighbors, and community members of diverse backgrounds.

We will continue to provide updates at www.wauwatosaschools.org/coronavirus as updates are available. You will receive email and text alerts. We will also CALL you to let you know when classes plan to resume in our school buildings.

Sincerely,
Wauwatosa School District