

Good evening Deerfield Families,

This afternoon, Governor Evers directed the Department of Health Services to extend the Safer at Home Order. This update includes closing all K-12 school districts for the remaining of the 2019-2020 school year. While many questions remain unanswered, here are some questions that we can answer at this time.

**Is the at-home Continued Learning Plan going to continue?**

Yes. The Safer at Home Orders strongly encourage schools to facilitate distance or virtual learning for the remainder of the school year. At this time, we plan to continue this as we have an established plan for our students and credits are being earned by high school students.

**Is the Lunch Program continuing?**

Yes. The Safer at Home order allows for food services to continue. We plan to continue offering lunch to our families for as long as possible.

**Are spring Extracurricular activities cancelled?**

Yes. Unfortunately, this does mean that Extracurricular activities have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year which includes Prom and spring sports. Juniors-we will be exploring options for holding a Senior Prom when we are altogether next year. (Yes, that means Homecoming and two Proms in one year!)

**Has high school graduation been cancelled?**

No. Graduation has not been cancelled, but we will need to give further consideration as to the date and plans surrounding the graduation ceremony as it relates to the Safer at Home Orders that must be followed.

**Has Summer School been cancelled?**

No. Summer school has not been cancelled at this time, but we will need to consider further guidance that may come from the Dept. of Public Instruction and the Safer at Home Orders in terms of dates and plans.

We know and fully understand that this latest news may come with a variety of emotions and reactions; for some sadness and frustration, maybe additional stress, and others relieved. Please know that we care deeply and are here to support you, your student and your family in any way possible. We encourage students and families to utilize the Student Services Assistance link on the district homepage under What's Happening at any time.

The administrative team will continue to work on our plans moving forward, including establishing a process and timeline for ending our school year which will address how personal items will be picked up and learning materials will be returned. We will keep families updated via email, the district website and district Facebook.

At the risk of being redundant, I close with the same message I shared previously. Hang in there. Just as we adjust our thinking to one piece of news, something gets changed that brings new concerns and questions. It's okay to feel sad, mad, worried, or confused. There is a lot happening right now. Expect a range of emotions from yourself and your family; acknowledge them and reach out for help if needed. Listen to each other, be kind to yourself, and remember, a little humor still goes a long way. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,  
Michelle R. Jensen  
District Administrator