

March 15, 2020

Dear Deerfield Families,

Wow! We thought that last week was a whirlwind. This weekend has continued to have information evolving very quickly, hence the press release that all Dane County public schools are closing effective immediately announced earlier today. This decision was made, in conjunction with Public Health Madison Dane County, in the best interests of the health of our students, staff and families.

Here are some general pieces of information that we have decided, as of this afternoon. Sorry to be redundant, but please know that these plans may change as new information comes forth. Please continue to check your email for updates.

- ❖ Deerfield Community School District will be closed effective immediately starting today, March 15th. This closure will extend minimally through Sunday, April 5th. Schools are tentatively set to reopen on Monday, April 6th.
- ❖ With this earlier-than-expected closure, students will have two weeks of Spring Break. (March 15 through March 27)
- ❖ At this time, our continuation of learning plan for student instruction will begin on March 30th. We will provide more information on this later this week.
- ❖ During this time of school closure (March 16-April 5), the following conditions apply:
 - **School buildings will be open to staff only.** Please do not come to the buildings.
 - All District-sponsored events are canceled.
 - All sports and other extracurricular practices and competitions are cancelled.
 - All District facilities are closed for use by internal or external groups. This includes any individual or group that had previously reserved space in our buildings / grounds during this closure period (including the spring break week of March 23 – 27).

Further Information: We will be sending additional information regarding at-home and online instruction, access to schools to retrieve medications, technology, other personal items needed in the short-term, and other pertinent information regarding this closure. Please take the time to read all of those updates.

Thank you!!! None of us have ever experienced anything like this in our lifetime. I am so grateful to you for your patience and understanding as we work through these challenges together. Look for follow up communication from the school on Monday.

Sincerely,

Michelle R. Jensen
District Administrator