

Northwestern Community Unit School District #2

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Dear Northwestern CUSD #2 Parents and Guardians,

Northwestern CUSD #2 plans to be proactive with regards to the health and safety of students as well as being able to continue the education of our students. At this time, the District will continue cleaning and disinfecting and plan on running our regular school schedule on Monday. However, all schools in Illinois will be closed starting Tuesday, March 17 through March 30. We will offer continued learning opportunities for students during this mandatory school closure. All extra-curricular school activities are suspended during the time of the closure. All school practices, games, and events are suspended during the time of closure.

The District has plans to offer K to 3rd grade learning kits to be sent home with students. The district will offer a combination of online and alternative learning opportunities for 4th -12th grade students. This type of education, while not ideal, is meant to be able to provide a “continuity of education” in a pandemic crisis. Teachers will be available remotely by e-mail, text, or online platform from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on school days during this closure. Teachers will give out more information on class work to students on Monday. We are in a partnership with families and will make education a priority no matter what unknowns exist in the near future.

The District has plans to maintain the lunch program in a pick-up/delivery model in the event of a school closure. We will not be able to open our cafeteria and must have parents and guardians pick-up food for students from school or delivery locations and in some cases delivery right to the home. Specific pick-up information for lunches will be provided on Monday to students.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this constantly evolving and changing health event. Please continue to follow and stress the recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health at www.dph.illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Bowman
Superintendent