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Ensuring learning, growth, and success for all.

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Dear De Soto Families,

First and foremost, we want to thank our students, parents, and staff for how everyone has adjusted over the past few days. Everyone is doing an amazing job. We appreciate all that you are doing to be prepared at home and encourage you to reach out to your building if you are in need of support or information.

School Closure Extension

To remain consistent with the [Jefferson County Stay At Home Orders](#), guidance from local health and government officials, and in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities, **De Soto School District will remain closed through Friday, April 24, 2020. The earliest school will resume is Monday, April 27, 2020.** The reopening date is subject to change pending further information. We understand everyone will be impacted and lives will be disrupted by our decision, but we believe we need to take such actions to protect everyone. The decision will also affect many activities, events, traditions, and rites of passage. Although some activities may be delayed, rest assured we are working on contingencies.

Continued Learning and Support

While our school buildings are closed, our commitment to our students remains the same. Our teachers, staff, and leaders are working hard to ensure we can continue to provide support for our students and our communities. Additional information will be available on our district website under our [COVID-19](#) page on learning activities over the extended closure.

We are currently working to design an easy-to-access system for ensuring our student's learning continues during this closure. We will be using SchoolMessenger to send phone calls and emails regarding resources that will be housed on our district website, [COVID-19](#) page. Teachers will also be using their current communication tools used during the regular school year. In order to deliver materials appropriately to your student, based on your family's accessibility, we ask that each family complete this [G.Form](#) to indicate how easily online materials can be accessed while at home.

Food Service and Delivery

Meals are available for 11am-1pm Monday-Friday at Vineland and Athena Elementary. If you do not have transportation to pick up meals during this time please contact Sara Brinkman by either emailing her at brinkman.sara@desoto.k12.mo.us or leaving a voicemail at 636-243-2566. Children do not have to qualify for free or reduced lunch to receive a meal. Any child 18 years of age or younger can receive a meal. Meals are also available to persons with disabilities who are over 18 but participate in a school program. The food program is open to students in neighboring school districts that are not offering meals at this time. Each child can get one meal per day, which includes a sack breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday.

Communication

We will continue to communicate using our various methods. Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with the building office and you are connected to one or more of the following:

- District Website dedicated to COVID-19 information: bit.ly/2WjxOgx
- SchoolMessenger-phone and email, Facebook page: @DeSoto73Schools, Twitter: @DeSoto73

Thank you for your partnership during this time.

Respectfully,



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