



Monroe Local Schools

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Dear Monroe Parents and Guardians:

On March 30, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine made an announcement ordering all of Ohio's public, community, and private K-12 school buildings to be closed to students until Friday, May 1, 2020 due to the coronavirus health crisis.

We know the Governor's order to extend the closure of school until May 1, 2020 presents a challenge to our families. Our district is working diligently to partner with you in furthering your child's education and well-being.

What does this mean for our students?

Although our school buildings are to remain closed until Friday, May 1, 2020, remote learning will continue. We will continue to adjust and administer our virtual learning plans and expectations, provide student services and resources to the best of our ability, and distribute free meals to our Monroe students in need.

Will school staff be working?

Yes, our school district is providing food and remote learning options to children. Administrators are actively planning and responding to this national health crisis. Teachers are creating lesson plans and engaging with their students remotely.

During scheduled school days, our teachers will be available via email during normal school hours to support our parents and students. Teachers and building principals will be sharing via email their remote learning plans and expectations with parents and students on an ongoing basis. For those students who do not have access to online learning, hard copies of assignments by grade level will be available by contacting your teacher or building office.

Administrators and support staff will also be working remotely and available during their normal work hours on weekdays via email and voicemail.

Will education packets be provided?

Education packets are only being provided to families with no access to technology and/or internet. If you are interested in having hard copies of materials for your child, please contact your child's teacher and he/she can email those to you for printing at home.

What about food service?

Feeding operations are ongoing despite the stay-at-home orders and will remain in place throughout the remainder of the school closure. Staff will continue to comply with the most current health guidelines.

[For more information on our district's meal distribution program please see our website.](#)

What about mental health support?

Our school counselors have information available on the website for families and students. Our school counselors will be monitoring emails and reaching out to our school families and students who express a need for support.

What does this mean for graduation?

Our high school administration, school counselors, and teachers are working together to ensure that students in the Class of 2020 are on track to graduate. Know that we will work together to provide assistance and flexibility in the interest of doing what is right for students.

They are also exploring options to recognize our seniors. However, before we can move forward with graduation the district is waiting to receive more guidance from the Governor, Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Education.

What about state testing?

Governor Mike DeWine has waived state testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

What about services to students with disabilities?

Our school is making a good faith effort to provide such services. If a student with a disability cannot access the alternate delivery models being offered to general education students, then each IEP team will consult with parents and/or caregivers to determine the needs of the student and identify the most appropriate means for meeting those needs during the extended closure period.

Questions?

For all questions related to your child's assignments, please email your child's teacher or the building principal. We have also set up a [dedicated page on our website for all the announcements, resources, and updates on COVID-19](#).

The Monroe Local Schools Board of Education office is closed to the public until further notice. Our operating hours are 8:00am-4:00pm. The Board of Education staff while working remotely are happy to assist you via phone (513)539-2536 or email: cosecretary@monroelocalschools.com.

We are experiencing a health crisis that none of us has experienced in our lifetime. There may be bumps along the way, but your child's teachers, counselors, building principals, and our support staff are here to work with our families to support you and your children.

Thanks to our Monroe Local Schools staff, administrators, parents and students for working collaboratively together to navigate through this **Event** and partnering to have a positive **Response** to create the best **Outcome** we can for our students for the rest of their school year. **"Individually we fly, Together we swarm."**

Sincerely,

Kathy Demers,

Superintendent