

School and Community Preparations for COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Over this past weekend, I am sure that many of you have heard that Nebraska had its first confirmed case of the Coronavirus. Due to this person exposing others at a community event, Fremont Public Schools made the decision to close down the school district. It is very possible in the near future that other school districts may be faced with making this same decision as the Coronavirus spreads. Mass quarantines in other countries and now the United States have reportedly helped to slow the spread of this virus. Since schools house a large number of students and staff, they are a perfect place for germs to be spread. A significant reason why closing schools may help to slow the progression of this virus.

Kenesaw Public Schools is making plans for the possibility that our school may need to close at some point in the future. If this would happen, it is important that our students continue to receive an education. The Kenesaw Administrative team and support staff are currently working with teachers to put in place a plan so that students can be educated while at home. Students in grades 7-12 have access to Chromebooks and would receive instruction through Schoology, email, Google Classroom, or other apps such as Screencastify. The focus of learning here will be in core areas and those classes that can be supported through electronic instruction. Students in grades 3-6 will be able to utilize iPads to access instruction and learning activities. The focus for these students will be in English Language Arts, math, and science. K-2 teachers will work to provide their students with reading and math instruction. In the days ahead, we will have discussions with teachers and provide the necessary trainings to support them with the skills they will need to provide instruction electronically if the need would arise.

In addition, we will reach out to local health care providers to support in preparing a local plan for the containment of this virus. Please know that we are working to be as prepared as possible for this situation. Likewise, please make plans for your family and your home. KPS will provide our community with Coronavirus websites that are accurate and reliable. Please be on the lookout for these on our school website. We are all in this together!

Thank you for your support,

Rick Masters
Superintendent