

# **Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

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Re: Tri-Township School Closure

Dear School Community,

At 8:00 am today, I attended a meeting at LaPorte Central Office with 10 area superintendents and representatives from two county health departments. As many of you know, the domino effect from the Coronavirus situation continues to change hour by hour. From that meeting, the collective decision has been made to close our schools at the end of today. The plan, for now, is to have that closure last throughout our scheduled spring break. Our hope is this plan will help stop the spread of infection. If successful, our goal is to return to school in a normal fashion on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our plan to educate our students during the next four weeks will be through eLearning. At the end of the day today, our students will take home their devices and any other needed materials. We will not run eLearning days on Monday and Tuesday next week. Our teachers and staff will report those two days to plan for providing the best distance learning experience we can. Our first two eLearning days will be on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will maintain that pattern by conducting eLearning instruction each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Each Tuesday and Thursday will be an off day for students or a day to finish work from the previous day's assignments. Teachers will use those in-between days to grade and prepare lessons.

It is important to note that other than the distance learning being provided, all other school functions are canceled indefinitely. This includes any and all extra-curricular activities.

Obviously, we are aware this isn't the ideal situation for providing education. However, with the current state of affairs, it is the responsible direction to follow. I have faith that our staff will provide good, age appropriate material and follow up with proper feed-back. I have faith that our students will comprehend the rationale behind this tough decision and give us a great effort in return. With the help of parents and guardians, we will make the best of a bad situation.

Prior to the first eLearning day on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, you will receive more information from the building principals. Any students who were absent today, and need to obtain their chromebooks and other materials, may come in on Monday morning to pick them up.

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