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Good Afternoon Seymour Families,

Last evening you received a communication from me sharing the plan moving forward for our schools. Once again, in an effort to be overly cautious and to take on an abundance of precautionary measures to help ensure that our students and staff remain healthy, we will be closing schools for two weeks (Monday March 16, 2020 through Friday March 27, 2020). The plan is to reopen on Monday March 30, 2020. Throughout this time, we will remain in constant contact with our local Health District, community stakeholders, head nurse, as well as review updates from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) every day in order to respond safely and responsibly to the new information as it becomes available.

We understand that an extended closure of schools can place a burden on families and as a result, some questions have arisen in terms of events being canceled or postponed. We will continue to update you on the status of these events through our school Administrators. For instance, the school day SAT which was scheduled for March 25, 2020 is now scheduled for Tuesday April 28, 2020 per the High School Administration. In terms of the status of Spring Sports, our Athletic Director just received notification that the League Presidents will be meeting next Wednesday to discuss the status of Spring Sports. Our Athletic Director will communicate the outcome of that meeting next week.

In the event that your child wishes to receive free lunch, our Food Service Department will be offering a grab and go lunch bag at the front of Seymour Middle School between 11:00am – 1:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday of next week and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the following week. This is being offered to all families, regardless of meal status.

Please continue to look on the following mediums for any communications from our schools:

- Seymour Schools Facebook
- Seymour Schools website

If you have any questions about COVID-19, please call 2-1-1. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of confusion. Please be assured that my team will continue to monitor the situation daily and will keep you informed as changes occur. Remember, that together we will get through this. We remain positive and hopeful that we will resume our normal school routines on March 30, 2020. As a reminder, our last day of school will be on June 25, 2020. However, if we resume our normal school activities on March 30, 2020 as planned, we may consider shortening our April Break, so that we can dismiss earlier in June. This will not be determined until late next week or early the following week, provided no other closures are needed. With respect to graduation, the date will be on the last day of school, whenever that may be unless the Board of Education sets the date prior to the last day of school. Enjoy this weekend to spend time as a family.

Please make every effort to keep your families safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Michael Wilson  
Superintendent