



DISTRICT OR-1

PALMYRA JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL--BENNET ELEMENTARY

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OR-1 Parents, Students and Staff,

As of the March 16, 2020 recommendations from the Commissioner of Education and Governor Ricketts, District OR-1 schools will be closed until April 6, 2020 pending any further information from our partners at County Health, NDE and our neighboring institutions. This includes all NSAA activities as per their directive through April 2, 2020. Our buildings in Bennet and Palmyra will be open Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in order to allow students to pick up personal items and most importantly “Home Based Enrichment” packets that have been prepared by our staff. March 18th also allows time for parents and students to visit with staff regarding the enrichment materials they have prepared, how materials will be shared in the future and how they can be returned when completed. With that said this represents a very important day for students and staff. If this date does not meet your scheduling needs please contact your respective office to arrange a time to pick up your material from clerical staff no later than Thursday, March 19, 2020. Please remain in contact with instructional staff by email as needed.

As we have stated from the onset of this situation it remains fluid and information will continue to arrive to us on an hourly basis. While there has not yet been a confirmed case in our area the goal is to ensure that we assist in slowing the spread of the virus to community and family members.

We understand that our closure raises the level of concerns for families. Our staff has a plan in place to continue Enrichment opportunities that present a unique mix of traditional and e-learning opportunities for students each week that the closure remains in place. We hope this blended approach will provide a bridge to continued learning for our students. Additionally we have requested through application to provide breakfast and lunch to those students who may need that service. We will contact you again with our process for rolling out those opportunities when NDE has reviewed our application.

In closing we wish to express our gratitude for your patience and understanding during these difficult and unprecedented times. Please pay close attention to our Twitter feed, website and mobile app for additional updates as they become available.

Robert L. Hanger

Superintendent of Schools

Together we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.