

Dear Lebanon Families,

There is no higher priority for our entire Lebanon School District family than the safety of our students, staff and community. As our local, national, and international communities continue to assess the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Lebanon School District receives ongoing guidance from the local and state health departments, the State Department of Education, and the CDC.

This morning I am writing to inform you of the closure of the Lebanon R-3 School District beginning **Tuesday, March 17, 2020** through **Friday, March 27, 2020**, which includes our scheduled Spring Break from March 23-27. During Spring Break we will assess the evolving situation and make a determination about re-opening our schools. All extra-curricular practices and other after school activities are canceled during this time as well.

We will not be providing instruction to students this week, but will be working with teachers to develop alternate forms of instruction. In the event of an extended closure beyond Spring Break, learning would continue for students and you would receive further communication from your child's teacher. Students will be bringing home a device and other learning materials this afternoon.

We realize that closing our schools presents many hardships for our community. Our ability to provide learning during this unprecedented time will require a close partnership between the schools and parents/guardians. Please check your email regularly and be in contact with your child's teachers.

The Lebanon School District will continue to work with local and state agencies to develop plans to maintain the critical support our schools provide to students and families. A plan for food distribution will be announced as soon as it is established.

We are committed to sharing these plans with you as they are developed and will communicate consistently as the situation evolves. Updates and information will be communicated by the District via SchoolMessenger notifications, our social media sites, and our website, [lebanonr3.org](http://lebanonr3.org).

Thank you for your patience and continued support of our efforts to be proactive during this unprecedented time. The Lebanon community is the most caring and compassionate place I have ever experienced. I am confident our resiliency and desire to support each other will help us through these challenging times.

Dr. David Schmitz

Superintendent