



All,

You should have received an email from the District about next week. Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, all Omaha Public Schools will be closed as a preemptive measure to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our area. The email was very detailed with information for staff and students. Please read it thoroughly. Understand that there are a lot of unknown factors and the District is doing their best to minimize the learning lost and to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Elementary Teachers- Packets have been provided by the district for distribution at your buildings. The packets can be picked up on Monday the 16th.

Middle and High School Teachers- Students should be provided one learning activity per week by email or other media that you have used to communicate with students. If students have internet, but not a computer they are to contact the school principal to be provided one. The district is aware that not ALL students have the same access to technology.

All students have access to online reading materials thanks to OPSF.

Your principal will be in contact with you about expectations pertaining to emails and other communications for the week.

At this moment there are no plans to extend the school year, the answer depends on the Nebraska Department of Education. Daily communication is happening with NDE, DHHS and other agencies that assist in the decision making.

This is a one week closing, future decision will be determined next week.
I will continue to keep you all updated as soon as I get information from the District.

The OEA will follow the lead of OPS and will cancel all meetings for next week. This means the AR meeting for March will NOT happen. The office will be closed, but I can be reached via email and cell phone (402) 515-4882.

There is no need to panic, just be aware! Safety for all is the number one priority during this time.

Be Well,

Robert
OEA President