

April 16, 2020

Dear Pointer Families and Staff,

The coronavirus pandemic has presented us all with some of the most challenging times we have ever experienced in our #PointerNation community. Today (Thursday, April 16), Governor Tony Evers announced all school buildings in Wisconsin will remain closed through the end of the 2019-20 school year and the Safer at Home order has been extended until 8 am Tuesday, May 26 (or until a superseding order is issued).

I know this decision has caused a great deal of concern and disappointment for our students, staff, and families. The pandemic arrived quickly, and when we first were directed to close our school buildings in March, we did not realize it would be the last time we would see our students in person this school year. We are deeply saddened, but know safety is our number one priority.

Per our district calendar, the last day of school for students is Thursday, May 21 for elementary and Friday, May 22 for middle and high. We will continue providing virtual learning opportunities until then, just as we have over the past several weeks. We encourage all families to keep their students engaged in these activities to ensure learning continues to take place. We will also continue to provide our free grab-and-go lunches (and next day breakfasts).

Classroom, building, and district staff will continue to follow up on next steps regarding virtual learning, as well as what this new directive means for spring events. We understand you have more questions than we have answers right now, and we will respond to the best of our ability and keep you posted as we learn more. We will continue to update our COVID-19 website here: <https://mineralpointschools.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>

Once again, thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility during this unprecedented time. We will get through this together. Please continue to stay safe, practice social distancing, and remain at home as much as possible. We greatly look forward to the time when it is safe to be with each other again.

Sincerely,

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