

March 17, 2020

Dear Pointer Families and Staff —

Governor Tony Evers announced Tuesday afternoon that Wisconsin's K-12 schools are now closed "for the duration of the public health emergency." (The previous tentative date to resume school was April 6).

"We're removing that deadline because we don't know if it's a realistic deadline," Evers said. "So we made it indefinite."

The Governor also issued a ban on mass gatherings of more than 10 people. There are some exceptions for necessary services. Please read the full order here:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/WIGOV/2020/03/17/file_attachments/1403535/Gov.%20Evers_DHS%20order_3.17.20.pdf

Yesterday, the Department of Public Instruction stated it will waive a state mandated hour requirement to districts requesting to do so during the ongoing public health emergency.

The District is just learning of the news of the indefinite closure and will continue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Please continue to practice good hygiene and strict social distancing measures to ensure the safety of Pointer Nation.

I know we have been saying this a lot lately, but we are grateful for your continued patience and understanding as we work through this unprecedented time. Thank you sincerely to everyone who is banding together to support each other and our students.

Mitch Wainwright
Superintendent
Mineral Point Unified School District