

To: Families of USD 297, Saint Francis

From: Mark Penka

We have spent the past several days on various virtual meetings gaining guidance from KSDE on how to move forward with continuous learning for our students. The resources are just being released and the administration will examine them over the next few days. Beginning early next week, we will be working with our teaching staff and the USD 297 Board of Education to come up with the best plan to keep our children safe and yet provide them with the best education possible.

Here are a few items that we will be addressing:

A breakfast and lunch program for students, which will likely be a grab-and-go selection.

A schedule for students to come and pick up needed school supplies and technology devices for the students to continue learning.

Making contact with all families to determine internet needs and potential obstacles

Please know that the building will be closed until March 30.

In the meantime, please know that we are at work to find the best way to serve our students. There are many unanswered questions and some difficult days ahead, but we believe in the resilience of our students and in the ability of this community to support them in this challenging time.

Thank you,

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