

March 13, 2020: School Safety and Health

Governor Tony Evers made this announcement today, Friday, March 13 at approximately 4:35pm.

“Today, I directed **Wisconsin Department of Health Services** to issue an agency order mandating the closure of all K-12 Wisconsin schools, public and private, as part of our efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

Closing our schools is not a decision I made lightly, but keeping our kids, our educators, our families, and our communities safe is a top priority as we continue to work to respond to and prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin. Kids and families across Wisconsin often depend on our schools to access food and care. We are going to continue working to do everything we can to ensure kids and families have the resources and support they need while schools are closed.

The mandated closure will begin on Wednesday, March 18th, to give school districts ample time to make plans for kids, families, educators, and staff, but school districts may choose to close earlier than Wednesday.

Please continue to find the most accurate and up-to-date information on the status of COVID-19 in Wisconsin at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>”

Monday, March 23rd will be a staff development day. We will begin to share online lesson instructions with students on Tuesday, March 24th beginning at 9:00 am. More information will follow with regards to how we will meet the individual learning goals of students with special needs as well as provide continuing breakfast and lunch meals for our students who utilize our district’s free and reduced meal plan. All after school and extracurricular activities including BRAVE are cancelled.

Please visit the RASD website and Facebook page, as well as monitor your email for more information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience with our teaching staff as we use this learning model.

I wish you and your extended family health,

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