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Dear Trent Families,

While the news of stopping in-person instruction is difficult, please know that here at Trent Elementary we are dedicated to continue providing quality teaching for your student. Our teachers and staff, have been preparing behind the scenes for this situation, therefore you can expect on Monday morning for class to begin at 9:00 and there be a day filled with quality instruction for all kids. In the following you will hopefully receive answers to your various questions.

Many of our students receive lunch and breakfast while here at school. Please note, our district is committed in continuing to provide free meals to all students at various lunch sites, with a list located [here](#).

You may be asking what your day will look like. In Superintendent Shea's recent letter, there were [attachments](#) that helped give light to distance learning. Please note these common expectations below:

- Daily attendance will be taken by classroom teachers.
- Learning will include a combination of scheduled live learning instruction (synchronous) that will occur daily, and independent learning time.
- Learning will be prioritized around essential grade level standards.
- Students will participate in assessment of learning, and teachers will provide regular feedback on strengths and areas for growth and improvement.
- Teachers in elementary will continue to provide Morning Meetings or Class Meeting times that prioritize social-emotional learning utilizing adopted curriculum. This gives students the opportunity to develop classroom community and peer relationships even in a virtual classroom setting.
- Students will have scheduled time with specialists.
- Students will have scheduled intervention or extension time.
- Teachers will have scheduled times for calls and emails with posted response times

Our nurses have done a fantastic job keeping us safe here at Trent and throughout the district. However, viruses do spread and figuratively "have a mind of their own". As Mr. Shea said "This decision is based on our inability to provide enough staff to operate due to an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our district and the number of staff who have been placed in quarantine as a result of being exposed to someone who has tested positive. Though our number of positive cases have significantly increased this week, we still have not found evidence of the virus being transmitted within our schools, though it remains a possibility". This is the reasoning behind school closure and will hopefully subside in a couple weeks time.

It has always been my belief that the schoolhouse is built to serve the community. Therefore, we will continue to hold fast to that posture regardless if we are in-person or from a distance. We are only a phone call or email away so please contact us with anything you might need. Stay warm on this blustery Friday in November!

Warmly,

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