



Prince George County Public Schools

A Commitment To Quality Education

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Good afternoon, Prince George Families.

As you are aware, Prince George County Public Schools' officials have been closely monitoring the evolving circumstances surrounding COVID-19. We have been in close contact with the Virginia Department of Health officials including the Director of the Crater Health Department and the nurse responsible for the area of Communicable Disease for our district. Additionally, we have been collaborating with the Virginia Department of Education, Prince George County Administration, and the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Prince George County Public Schools has been closely following the guidance of the Crater Health Department and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC provides recommendations for when closure of schools should be considered. These include when the division has a case or cases that are school based for cleaning and contact tracing, in response to significant absences of staff or students, or as part of a larger community mitigation strategy for jurisdictions with large scale community transmission significantly impacting health care staffing.

While Prince George County Public Schools has not experienced any identified cases of COVID-19, Governor Northam, as part of a larger community mitigation strategy, has made the determination to close all schools for a minimum of two weeks. This action has been taken to maintain the health and safety of Virginians and to minimize exposure to COVID-19.

All Prince George County Public Schools will be closed for students from Monday, March 16th, through Friday, March 27th.

Prince George County Public Schools realizes that this decision will place a burden on some of our families, especially those who depend on our school nutrition programs for access to healthy food for their children. Staff are working to develop a plan to provide meals to students who qualify for free and reduced lunch during this closure. We will send more information to families who need this as soon as possible.

While monitoring this evolving and unprecedented situation, our teachers have already started developing plans for continuity of instruction while students are out. More information for accessing these resources will be shared with you soon.

Thank you for your understanding while we work through these difficult times as a community.

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