

## Update from CCPS – March 15, 2020

Dear CCPS Families, Students, Faculty, Staff and Community Supporters --

With the Governor's mandatory shut down of all K-12 Schools across our Commonwealth, CCPS will continue to stay in contact with our community and our families with important updates and information as we move into each week. The news regarding the increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases is concerning, with the first confirmed death due to this virus having taken place right next door to us in James City County. Please continue to stay committed to hand washing, social distancing and refraining from any events or congregations of more than 50 people as good preventative measures.

As we head into this week, a reminder to our families who might be experiencing difficulties with access to food. Backpacks and additional food was sent home with our students this past Friday; however, if you have a need for any additional food from our CCPS Pantry, please contact Stephanie Leek at 804-301-1871 or Kristina Williams at 804-393-0264 to arrange for additional food shipments as needed.

If your child has any need for their prescription medication that is kept in our lock box at the Nurse's offices in our schools, please contact Dr. Todd Perelli at 804-489-0175 to directly arrange for a pick up time for these medications.

Our Custodial Crews and Transportation Staff will be starting the complete deep cleaning and sanitizing of our schools tomorrow morning. All personnel, other than these crews, have been asked to stay clear of our buildings through this coming week to ensure that they can totally sanitize and disinfect all surfaces, bathrooms and common areas. A complete disinfection of our schools will be the best way to insure that our schools are safe and virus free for our students, faculty and staff when we do finally return to our instructional day.

The CCPS School Board Meeting that was scheduled for March 17, 2020 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Once we can determine when this rescheduled date and time will take place, public notices and advertisements for this meeting will be published for our community.

Finally, as a reminder, there will be no activities, meetings, athletic practices or contests or any extracurricular activities through these next two weeks in our schools.

We continue to maintain direct contact with the Virginia Department of Education as they release information regarding the shut down. As of now, the 10 school days that we will be missing both this week and next week will not have to be made up, as the Governor has declared a state of emergency. VDOE has also applied for a waiver to move our SOL testing dates back to accommodate for missed instructional days. For now, our Spring Break is scheduled to continue as planned on our CCPS Division Calendar. As developments continue to unfold, we will keep everyone informed.

Please continue to remain healthy and practice good health habits at home, avoiding large crowds of people and cleaning hands and surfaces at home. Again, if you find yourselves experiencing any illness or flu-like symptoms, please visit your doctor as soon as possible. Thank you!