

## Update from CCPS – March 23, 2019

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

Today was another watershed day in the course of our current coronavirus situation. With the number of cases in Virginia continuing to increase at more aggressive levels over this past weekend, including additional deaths in Williamsburg, James City County and Newport News, the Governor today ordered that all K12 public schools across Virginia close for the remainder of this school year.

This news brings with it countless questions for our community, among them inquiries about the status of graduation for our seniors, promotion and retention for our PK-11 students, continuity of instruction and the prevention of academic regression for our children and how best for the school division to move forward in our planning and instruction with everything now fully shifting to at-home instruction and remote formats of learning. The Virginia Department of Education will be deciding and issuing guidance documents to Virginia's school divisions over the next 24-48 hours that will help CCPS School Board Members and the Leadership Team figure out our next steps to carry us through June 2020. At this point, with everything so new and fresh from the Governor's announcement, no decisions have been made regarding any activities, graduation ceremonies or other events this year. As decisions are made, information will be shared with our community, based on the information that we receive from VDOE.

Meal distributions began today, with upwards of 50 breakfast and lunch combinations being served to students and their families. Our meal service will continue tomorrow at the same times -- 11 AM to 1 PM at the bus loop at the CCHS gym area behind the high school. I want to personally thank every family who can by today to receive a meal. The system ran smoothly and efficiently because of everyone's positive attitude and cooperation. Thank you for making the first day of meal distribution a success. We look forward to continuing to serve our students and families each day, Monday through Friday, during these times. A HUGE thank you goes out to Mr. Tyler, Cynthia Johnson and the entire food service group at CCPS for their dedication and preparation of today's meals.

Student work packets are being assembled tomorrow and Wednesday and will be ready for distribution on Thursday during our meal distribution times (11 AM to 1 PM) and at from 5-7 PM at the same location. Learning packets for every student will also be available on Friday morning between 11 AM and 1 PM at the same location. Any packets that are not picked up by 1 PM on Friday will be mailed home to students. These packets will contain assignments, learning materials and other activities from your child's teacher(s) for the next two weeks. Teachers will be making contact with their students through this time to help them with their questions and to provide support.

Our Tiger Packs and Community Den programs continue to provide goods to a steady number of families and students. If you have donations that you would like to provide to these programs, please be sure to contact Stephanie Leek at 804.301.1871.

CCES Reads will continue to provide story time to our elementary students at 6 PM each evening. Please be sure to log on each night to Facebook at the CCES Reads page for a different story from a celebrity CCPS or County reader.

As always, thank you for your continued support through this incredible time. We are continuing to work through information that will lead to decisions that will continue to support our students and our learning community through these uncertain and very historic times.