



Hello parents,

On Friday, Utah Gov. Gary Herbert held a press conference and announced a “soft closure” of all public and charter schools in Utah. Beginning Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27, all Utah K-12 public school students have been dismissed from attending school for two weeks. This includes Pre-K students receiving services as well. The reason for the dismissal, that the governor emphasized, is to curb the possibility of spreading COVID-19 throughout the state.

While students have been dismissed from school in what Utah Gov. Gary Herbert termed a “soft closure,” this is not business as usual. For that reason, we are sending you this communication to clarify various points.

School building hours

All schools and other district facilities will be open to students from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We strongly encourage students to learn at home during the two-week dismissal utilizing the instructional resources provided by their teacher. Buildings are open if students need additional instructional assistance during those two weeks. Students in the building after 12:30 p.m. will be asked to leave. Because the district is following the Governor’s lead to curb the possibility of the virus spreading, buildings will not be staffed after 1:30 p.m.

Remote Learning and Digital Instruction

Delivery of learning to students will begin Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Teachers may deliver instruction through Canvas or other platforms such as Google or email. The intent of the Governor’s order for the “soft closure” of schools is to curb the possibility of spreading coronavirus throughout the state. Parents will be strongly encouraged to keep students at home during the two-week dismissal. However, there may be instances where students may need to come to the school for instructional assistance or to access the internet or a computer.

This should be a modified learning time for students in that they are not attending classes as usual. Enrichment learning activities and opportunities to catch up can be part of the learning opportunities.

School breakfast and lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be made available at all schools beginning Monday, March 16. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Students will not have to report to the school they attend to obtain meals but will need to use their student ID or provide their first and last name. Meals are only for students who have student accounts and they will be charged the normal fee. Students on free and reduced meals will continue as normal.

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Checking Out Tablets or Other Devices

Principals will provide instructions on Monday, March 16, how students who do not have devices at home can check them out at school and accomplish their schoolwork. Students will be able to check those out beginning Wednesday, March 18. Principals will communicate how each location will facilitate the checkout.

Early Childhood Education Centers

All childcare centers in district high schools will be closed. Employees and others whose small children receive childcare there will only be charged for the childcare that has already taken place.

Bussing

All bus routes will be cancelled during the two week “soft closure” period.

Cancellation of Student Trips

All student trips have been cancelled. The district is currently working with travel agencies to try to refund monies parents already spent on student trips. Monies that were fundraised by students will not be reimbursed but will remain with the program that conducted the fundraising effort. If a payment was made through the Davis Education Foundation, please contact the Foundation.

Games, Practices, Activities

All Utah High School Activities Association games and practices, as well as junior high school games and practices, are cancelled until March 30. This includes practices and performances for assemblies, activities, musicals, plays, concerts, productions and banquets.

Driver’s Education

Driver’s education classes will not be held during the dismissal.

Spring Break

Spring Break will continue as previously scheduled March 30 through April 3. This will include all tracks in year-round schools.

Individual Education Plans

IEP appointments will continue but be adjusted to fit within the building schedule.

Counseling Services

Counselors may be available for students who need help or are struggling with the situation.

For more information about novel coronavirus, or for any future updates about the district’s response, visit our website at <https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/departments/risk-management/viral-infections>

Parents and family members, we are living in unprecedented times. While we have prepared to deliver education in different ways, we did not expect the abrupt dismissal of schools to test that preparation. We are up to the challenge and will do all we can to make sure that our children have the resources they need to continue in their learning. The COVID-19 virus is proving to be a serious threat to health and well-being. We support our Governor and health department leaders in their efforts at social distancing in the prevention of a viral spread and ask for your continued support and collaboration as we battle this threat to our District and great Davis County community. Thank you for your understanding and support of us as educators and members of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Navey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Superintendent