

Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation

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Re: School Update

Marksmen,

I'd like to thank everyone for their support and understanding as we wrap up our fourth week of eLearning, and conclude our sixth week of school closure and stay-at-home.

Little has changed since my last communication to you; the Governor's most recent stay-at-home order ends 05.01.20. Our decisions have been made based on the mandates from the Federal and State level, and with the best interests of students and staff at heart. We will keep you posted as the situation develops. **There is a COVID-19 FAQ and question form that can address most questions.** It is found on the school website: <https://www.tellcity.k12.in.us/>

Important items to note:

- Our **food program** is continuing, and will throughout May. We're serving starting at 11:00 am at the JSHS student lot, Mondays and Thursdays.
- The **school calendar** has been updated based on some clarification received from the Department of Education. We will continue eLearning on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Mondays and Fridays are still reserved for student homework and teacher preparation. The final day for eLearning this year will be *Thursday, May 14, 2020*. Students will have until May 20, 2020 to submit the eLearning work.
- **Equipment return and student possession pick-up** is being planned for the week of May 18. We are exploring multiple options and will act based on the situation at that time. If we are still in a stay-at-home or in a limited gathering situation, we are considering a drive-up exchange. An example might be both buildings will have employees curbside to accept Chromebooks and chargers at Table 1, Textbooks at Table 2, and to hand students personal effects at Table 3. If weather does not allow us to be curbside, we may set up a similar scenario in the gyms at each building. We will establish specific days for the exchange based on last name to minimize crowds. Once again, *these are just options that are being considered and subject to change based on governmental executive order.*
- **Graduation and Senior Recognition**
Graduation is important to the school corporation, our seniors, their parents, and our entire community. We are exploring all options, and considering all possible scenarios. No decision has yet been made regarding graduation. The School Board established a date of May 8 to determine the course we will take with Graduation. This date was established so we would have the most current executive order from the governor. Graduation belongs to **all** of our seniors. Some seniors are immediately entering the

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military, some are entering the workforce, and some are leaving for college. The school wants to recognize **all** of our seniors for their accomplishments, and *we cannot postpone a ceremony indefinitely*. We also want to support our families without limiting who may or may not attend in the event we are limited in size and scope due to governmental restrictions on gathering size. The current executive order does not allow for gatherings of more than 10 people. I have included the excerpts from the current executive order through May 1.

5. Prohibited Activities

All public and private gatherings, whether governmental, social, philanthropic, religious, spiritual or otherwise, of any number of people that occur outside of a single household or living unit, are prohibited unless such gathering is of ten (10) or less people who engage in social distancing and other sanitation measures. Any gathering of more than ten (10) people is hereby prohibited unless exempted by this Executive Order. Nothing in this Executive Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or residence.

k. Educational Institutions

Educational institutions (including public and private pre-K-12 schools, colleges, and universities) for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions, provided that social distancing of six-feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible.

This Executive Order is consistent with, and does not amend or supersede, any prior Executive Order regarding the closure of schools.

Rest assured, we are going to recognize our seniors and their hard work. Thank you for the outpouring of support. Please reach out with questions. We are all working very hard to meet everyone's expectations in a responsible and respectful fashion.

Please remember there is a form to submit questions and an FAQ found on the school website:

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Stay Well, Marksmen.



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April 26	April 27 Plan Day	April 28 eLearning	April 29 eLearning	April 30 eLearning		
					May 1 Plan Day	May 2
May 3	May 4 Plan Day	May 5 eLearning	May 6 eLearning	May 7 eLearning	May 8 Plan Day	May 9
May 10	May 11 Plan Day	May 12 eLearning	May 13 eLearning	May 14 Final eLearning Day of 2020	May 15 Plan Day	May 16
May 17	May 18 Plan Day	May 19 Plan Day	May 20 Final Day eLearning submissions	May 21	May 22	May 23
May 24	May 25 Memorial Day	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 28	May 30
May 31						