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Dear Harlan County Public Schools Families,

On behalf of all of our staff members, we have truly missed having your children present at school. We are all looking forward to a return to our normal routines and the opportunity to resume regularly scheduled classes. In compliance with directives from both Governor Beshear and Education Commissioner Brown, Harlan County Schools will remain closed until April 20, 2020. A decision will be made after that date on how to continue.

At this point, things are changing in all of our lives from day to day. The idea of a normal routine and making concrete plans for the coming weeks is no longer a reality. The following is a summary of things we are currently doing and hope to continue as long as possible:

1. CDL lessons are currently delivered to students on a variety of web-based platforms as well as paper & pencil packets for students who may not have internet access. Please encourage your children to communicate with their teachers and submit completed work in a timely manner. Work can be turned in at each school, online, or to the bus drivers who deliver meals. We encourage the use of technology to submit assignments.
2. Meal delivery will continue on Mon., Tues., & Thurs. Our staff members enjoy doing the meal delivery, many of them are excited to see your children and pleased to know they are helping the communities we serve. We are hoping to work with staff to arrange the continuation of meals over the spring break week. **Our staff served 3500 lunches and breakfasts yesterday!** All buses leave each school at 11:30 AM. We will continue to use the call system to notify families of any changes.
3. School administrators are working with all teachers to improve the quality of instruction being offered on the CDL days. Our staff had very little time to prepare the CDL lessons but are committed to improving the lessons as we all learn what works and what needs to be changed.
4. A task force/committee has been formed at the state level to address the many questions which have accompanied the closure of schools. We hope to hear from this task force in the coming days in order to address your/our questions on topics such as graduation, grades, credits, sports, scholarships, etc...
5. Report cards for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be ready for pick-up or home delivery with the meals by Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The 9 weeks closed on March 13<sup>th</sup>, so none of the CDL work will be reflected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks grades. Please contact your teacher or principal to arrange pick-up.
6. Visit our web page at <http://harlan.kyschools.us> or follow us on FB to get the latest updates. Many teachers are posting resources and lessons on our website.

Sincerely,

  
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