



Sandhills Public Schools



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Dear Sandhills Public Schools Families,

The commissioner of education Dr. Bloomstedt, ESU 10, and the Loup Basin Public Health Department have recommended that schools continue to educate students using remote learning. Regular in school classes at Sandhills Public Schools have been suspended indefinitely. Many of the sources that we rely on have suggested that remote learning should continue through May 1st, and other sources are suggesting that we not plan on having our students back in school for the 2019-20 school year. Throughout the process the information available and the current message has changed so frequently, therefore we are using the term indefinite with the assumption that we will not return kids to normal education until all groups are in agreeance that it is safe to do so.

Some upcoming changes to expect. We at the school have been directed to take attendance for our online classes and to monitor student participation. After a couple of weeks to work the kinks out we plan to unfreeze our 2nd semester grades and begin collecting work and grading student performance for the remainder of the school year. We have tried to make the transition to online/remote learning as stress free as possible, and we hope that as this period extends, we at the school can continue to provide the support necessary to help both parents and students.

I think it is important to note that our school and area schools are operating under the recommendation of public officials that have the best interest of Nebraska citizens. No school in our area has been forced or mandated to close down. The Governor and the state health department are the only entities that can mandate school closure. It should be noted that the Governor and the state health department fully support the recommendation for schools to operate without students being present, but again it has not been mandated at this point.

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