



March 13, 2020 – **UPDATED MESSAGE**

Good evening families and staff,

Shortly after we announced that all SDNB schools would be closed beginning Monday, Gov. Tony Evers ordered that all K-12 public and private schools will close beginning Wednesday, March 18 through April 5.

We still plan to be closed beginning Monday, March 16, but now we will be closed through April 5, per Gov. Evers' order.

We will have more details for families and staff early next week, and will continue to update our website at www.nbexcellence.org.

Thank you,

Joe Garza, Superintendent

March 13, 2020 – **ORIGINAL MESSAGE**

Good afternoon families,

I am writing today with a follow-up to yesterday's information regarding COVID-19.

I want to reiterate what I said in my message yesterday: there are currently **NO** confirmed cases of the virus at any of our schools - students nor staff.

That said, the Waukesha County school district superintendents, out of an abundance of caution, have made the decision to **close school for students for two weeks, beginning Monday, March 16**. For the School District of New Berlin, school will tentatively resume Monday, March 30.

On Monday, March 16, teaching staff will report to school to further prepare and plan lessons and educational experiences they can deliver and support during our prolonged school closure. Because we have many extra days built into our school calendar, students are off next week. Staff members will use the week to collaborate with each other and develop best practices for virtual and / or "distance" learning, which will likely be implemented Monday, March 23. More information regarding that will be shared sometime next week.

Please note that all extra-curricular and after school events between now and March 30 are also cancelled.

Today, we took steps in anticipation of an extended school closure and sent various technology and materials home with our students.

At the elementary level, among the items students were to bring home included but were not limited to:

- Just Right Level books at grades K-2

- Student workbooks that can be utilized at home
- Chromebooks or iPads for grades 2-6
- Student login information
- Writers' workshop materials
- Individual art supplies, and more.



At the secondary level, students were instructed to bring home their Chromebooks as well as various subject-based materials and supplies.

Please note, SDNB will be distributing to-go lunches to students who regularly receive national school lunch benefits for free and reduced meals every weekday at the New Berlin Eisenhower cafeteria from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

If you have any specific concerns about your child(ren)'s needs, please contact your school office directly. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for you and your family.

We will continue to provide updates via School Messenger, our school website, social media and other means as we navigate this situation together. You can also visit this page on our website for more information about COVID-19: www.nbexcellence.org/parents/coronavirus.cfm.

Thank you for your understanding,

Joe Garza, Superintendent