

# NORTHEAST SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 26, 2020

Dear NESC Parents, Students, and Community,

As we continue to face this difficult time, I wanted to share with you the NESC updated action plan as of March 26, 2020. As a reminder, Monday, March 30, 2020 through Sunday, April 5, 2020 is an extension of our Spring Break. We have put together a tentative plan to resume classes the week of April 6, 2020. The plan is tentative based on any new directives we might receive from Governor Holcomb or Dr. McCormick and the Indiana Department of Education.

Governor Holcomb has directed us to use eLearning or alternative methods of instruction through May 1, 2020. Our hope is that we can return on May 4, 2020 to each of the Northeast School Corporation school locations. We have developed a calendar, which is enclosed, that shares our plans for April as well as May if a return is not possible. Communicating a full eLearning calendar plan throughout May is intended to inform families of our schedule if the Governor's order is not lifted.

School will resume the week of April 6, 2020 by the implementation of eLearning. The schedule includes a combination of eLearning days and the use of the Governor Waiver Days. While our eLearning platform was not designed for long term delivery of school curriculum, I do believe in these unprecedented times that it is a way for teachers to continue the educational process. Teachers will continue to have office hours via email on assigned eLearning days.

## **Upcoming Schedule: Spring Break and The Week of April 6, 2020 –April 10, 2020**

- Spring Break will be extended for families through Tuesday, April 7, 2020.
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020 will be a work day for our teaching staff.
- New eLearning Content will be delivered on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 and Thursday, April 9, 2020.**
- On Friday, April 10, 2020 school is closed – Good Friday

## **Schedule Beginning with the week of April 13, 2020**

- eLearning will be conducted **3 days each week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**
- Tuesday and Thursday will not be student days, but this time may be used to finish and submit work.
- Assignments will be due on Friday of each week.
- PK-5 Students will receive a student learning packet on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>
- See Calendar Below:

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## 2019-2020 - Emergency Calendar

April 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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<b>BLUE</b>	E-Learning Days	<b>PURPLE</b>	Graduation
<b>ORANGE</b>	IDOE Waiver Days		
<b>RED</b>	No School - Vacation	<b>End of Grading Period/Semester</b>	
<b>Teacher/Staff Scheduled Work Days: April 7, 13, 27 &amp; May 4, 18</b>			

### Teacher Work Days

- Teacher Work Days will begin Tuesday, April 7, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. These days are not mandatory. If Teachers need to get in their classroom or make copies then this will be available on a limited basis. Contact your principal for available times. This will be for teachers only. You may not bring your children. You will be required to practice social distancing at all times. Once again these are not mandatory and teachers may choose to work from home.

### Food Service Information

- NESC will provide a **Grab & GO** style of breakfast and lunch for **ANY PK-12 student**. The Grab & Go meal is **FREE**. The plan is as follows:
  - When: Monday's & Wednesday's & Friday's
  - Where: East Elementary Door 11, North Elementary Door 10 and the new Central Office in Shelburn Door 6
  - Time: **11:00 – Noon**
  - Students will receive:
    - 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts (Monday's and Wednesday's)
    - 1 lunch and 1 breakfast (Friday's)

### Elementary Operation THUNDER

- Thunderbird Hands United to Network and Deliver Educational Resources
- For our PK-5 students, we are developing student learning packets
- Packets will be dropped off at student's homes on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Packets will be delivered by staff at approximately the same time as your student's regular, afternoon bus drop off time.
- Walkers and car riders need to come to school between 11:00 and 4:00 on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> or make arrangements with the principal for pick up

### Other important notices

- **Our facilities are closed to the public**
  - *We love and miss our students and families, but we're closed.* There will be custodial, maintenance, and grounds at each of our school sites during this extended shutdown. The Administrative staff will continue to have critical (socially distanced) meetings about our constantly changing school year, essential repairs to be completed this summer, and so on, but we are not open to the public.
- **Kindergarten Round-Up.** This has been postponed. This will be rescheduled for May if we are able to reopen. We are also going to be exploring registering our kindergarten online this year. More Information will be coming as the situation unfolds.
- **AP Tests:** This afternoon we learned that Advance Placement (AP) course tests will utilize NO face-to-face testing. AP testing will occur but will be administered via computers on two separate dates yet to be announced. Test length will be approximately 45 minutes and focus on material normally taught by early March. Further details will be shared when available.
- **Prom and Commencement:** Since the Governor has closed our school and facilities until May 1, 2020, our prom scheduled for May 2, 2020 has been **postponed**. We will continue to evaluate options for having prom at a later date. Also, graduation is still uncertain at this time as we await clear information and guidance about May and beyond.

While Northeast School Corporation has always taken much pride in our implementation of technology and providing students with an opportunity to be prepared for the world they will live and work in, we all prefer live, face-to-face school. I have always believed and now through this pandemic have validated, that no piece of equipment or type of software, will ever replace the compassion, motivation and the dedication of a good teacher.

We miss our students and interacting with them. Our preparation over the last several years has given us the ability to continue some form of the student's educational process. It is not perfect nor as fulfilling as what we are accustomed to, but we will get through this by working together. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this unprecedented time.

We will survive and will be stronger for it. Parents, guardians, and all others involved—thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate through this pandemic event.

Be Safe. Stay Home. Social Distance.

Thanks again for your support of the Northeast School Corporation.

Dr. Mark Baker, NESC Superintendent