



ELKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents and Guardians,

There was a significant announcement made today regarding the start date for public schools in August. As you know Elkins School District's 2020-2021 school calendar had the first day of school scheduled for August 13, 2020. Based on Governor Asa Hutchinson's directive that was given this afternoon we will not be starting school as planned. Schools have been ordered to move the start date back to the week of August 24, 2020. It is my understanding that we can choose any date between August 24 and August 26 to be the first day of school.

Elkins School District was not given advance notice of this directive by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education so at this point our planning team has not been able to identify all of the potential ramifications of this school calendar change. I am hopeful that we will receive much more information soon. This will help our team make informed decisions about the upcoming school year, and that information will be communicated to students and parents as soon as possible.

This is a good example of how flexible our staff members, students, parents, and patrons will have to be during this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. I hope you and your family are healthy. Please continue to monitor your email, our district webpage, and social media pages for the most current updated information regarding the 20-21 school year. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to me at jmangrum@elkinsdistrict.org.

Go Elks!

Jeremy Mangrum
Superintendent