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Goddard Public Schools Families.

During these unprecedented times, it is the District's intent to provide families with factual information regarding our plans to meet the needs of our students during the school closure.

Staff will be returning from Spring Break next week. During the week of March 23rd, Principals and teachers will be developing lessons for our students. It is our goal to begin offering continuous learning opportunities to students the week of March 30th.

Beginning Tuesday, March 24th, USD 265 Nutrition Services staff will begin providing packaged lunch and breakfast to **all** children between the ages of 1 and 18, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at three locations including the North side of Eisenhower High School, the North side of Oak Street Elementary School, and on the street in front of Brentwood Apartments (600 S. Main St., Goddard, KS). There are no eligibility requirements to qualify for this service, however children must be present to receive their meals. Children can walk up, or families can drive through and pick up a package meal containing lunch and breakfast for the next day. **Federal guidelines require your child(ren) must be physically present at the distribution site to pick-up their meals.** There will be more information to follow concerning meal deliveries to families who are unable to pick up meals in person.

Our principals are developing a process and timeline for students and families to pick up their personal belongings and medications from schools. It is our intent for this to take place the week of March 30th.

Our seniors and their families have experienced many great accomplishments during their time in Goddard Public Schools. The District intends to provide a ceremony honoring the graduating class of 2020. At this time, we do not know a date (even if it is months into the future), time, or location as this will be contingent on guidance from the CDC, KDHE, and the Sedgwick County Health Department. We will continue to update you on our plan throughout the next several months.

We encourage all families to please be mindful of the following:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing (cough/sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue).
- Please keep sick children at home.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

If you desire additional information about the coronavirus, please visit the links below:

- [National Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov/) (CDC)
- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](https://www.kdhe.gov/) (KDHE)
- [Sedgwick County Health Department](https://www.schd.org/) (SCHD)

Again, the District understands the impact a school closure will have on the social and emotional well-being of our students, staff, and families. **You can expect the next update from Goddard USD 265 on Tuesday, March 24th, 2020.** Thank you for your continued support.

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