

# Harrah Public Schools

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## Dear Harrah Parents & Patrons,

Wednesday night, the school board approved a resolution in support of our teachers and the work that they do educating the children of our school district. They understand that Oklahoma's public school teachers are frustrated with the lack of pay, and, as a result, the state is experiencing an extreme shortage of qualified teachers throughout Oklahoma.

They are also aware that a large majority of teachers are planning to participate in a teacher-led walkout that is scheduled to happen on Monday, April 2nd unless a suitable legislative measure is passed. This could lead to classes and some activities being canceled indefinitely. If classes are canceled, you will receive a call from the district, the media will be notified, and the district facebook page will be updated.

Whether you agree or disagree with this potential walk out, we want you to be prepared. Our teachers have been polled and 122 have indicated that they will be participating in the walk out. Therefore, if the State legislature does not agree on a plan for funding public education by April 1, 2018, Harrah Public Schools will be closed April 2, 2018 and remain closed indefinitely due to the walk out.

Although school will be closed indefinitely, the following will still take place:

- **Extra-Curricular Activities** -We will not host or attend events outside the hours of 8am-3pm unless it's a competition that a commitment contract has been previously signed. All practices will be scheduled by the coach and you will be notified of the times.
- **Child Nutrition** -Students will be fed. Any child (birth to 18) who resides in the Harrah Public Schools' attendance boundaries can take advantage of free breakfast (7:30am-8am) and lunch (11am-12pm) by going to Clara Reynolds Elementary.
- **Technology Center**-The Eastern Oklahoma Technology Center classes will be in session and students will still be responsible for attendance in those programs.
- **Graduation & Prom**- These two events will be happening as scheduled.
- **Latchkey**- The Latchkey will remain open at Clara Reynolds Elementary to assist interested parents with a daycare option for their children during the walk-out.

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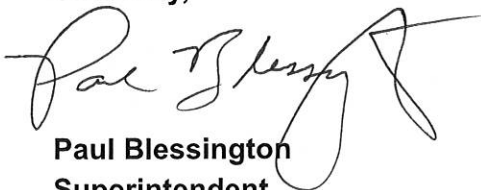
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The district is also taking measures to offset a couple of the potential days missed by **having classes on Friday, March 30** and potentially have classes on **Friday, April 13th and Friday, May 4th if needed** depending on the length of the walk-out. We will be sending out phone calls, text messages, and use social media to make parents aware of these changes when they happen.

We are fortunate to live in a community that supports public education. We understand our success is due in large part to the residents of Harrah Public Schools who are steadfast supporters of our students, teachers, and staff. I ask for your patience as we navigate through the upcoming weeks. Due to the many variables, it is impossible to give you a timeline for school closing other than a week at a time.

We fully support our teachers and the important work they do every day to serve our children. It is my hope that elected officials will come together and invest in public education so our teachers do not feel the need to walk out but rather continue to deliver the educational excellence you expect and our students deserve.

Sincerely,



**Paul Blessington**  
**Superintendent**  
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