



Eureka Springs School District

Bryan Pruitt, Superintendent

147 Greenwood Hollow Road

Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632

Phone: 479-253-5999

Fax: 479-253-5955

bryan.pruitt@es.k12.ar.us

March 13, 2020

The Eureka Springs School District is continuing to monitor updates regarding COVID-19 and is receiving continual guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Additionally, the Governor signed an executive order yesterday that stated “the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall have sole authority to close public school campuses throughout the state for reasons related to COVID-19.” There does not appear to be an immediate concern as it relates to the students, staff, or communities of the Eureka Springs School District. We are, however, closely monitoring the situation and will continue to do so. Eureka Springs School District has received guidance from the DESE as well as the Arkansas Activities Association.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in close proximity that we determine to pose a threat to the well-being of our students and staff, we will restrict student activities, as well as student and staff travel. If COVID-19 is confirmed on one of our campuses, we will notify the Department of Health and other agencies as directed. However, the decision of whether or not to close school rests solely with the Arkansas Secretary of Health (see Governor’s proclamation). Instructional staff has been asked to prepare AMI Day packets should the need arise to close school. Those packets will be made available next week.

As a reminder, the best way to protect yourself from contracting any virus is by practicing healthy habits, washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, and keeping students home if they are not feeling well. Our nursing staff continues to do an incredible job of taking care of our students and, as usual, will notify parents of any concerns. In addition, our custodial staff is taking extra measures to ensure all areas of each building are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Please also note the travel guidance from Governor Hutchinson as we near spring break. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Superintendent. Please know that this plan is subject to changes as new information is received. We will update you with any changes. Continue to check our website or Facebook for updates and/or lesson plans. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Pruitt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryan Pruitt
Superintendent