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# Spirit Lake Middle School

UPDATE 4/17/2020

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Spirit Lake Middle School families and friends,

With the recommendation by Governor Reynolds to keep Iowa schools closed, I wanted to share information about the process of learning from the middle school. The following information will provide you with an overview of information and plans the middle school will implement for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. (New information is posted below in blue.) Learning opportunities will still be voluntary, while also being highly recommended. You can access all middle school learning resources by clicking this link (which is also described below) <https://sites.google.com/a/spirit-lake.k12.ia.us/slmsresources/> Staff will continue to provide you with updates throughout the school closure. Over the course of the school closure, teachers will be accessible and available to support students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s).

Even through difficult times, there will be opportunities for learning and growth. Our staff is committed to making the most of the situation and ensuring our students stay connected to school. Spirit Lake Schools will rise above because of everyone's commitment to the learning process - students, parents, staff, administrators, and community members. Together, we will support one another, stay positive, be resilient and make progress throughout this time.



In Education,

*Terry Bruinsma*

Spirit Lake Middle School Principal

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## Middle School Students and Families

- Students will have access to all teachers (via dedicated availability hours) from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Monday-Friday.
- Teacher directed lessons, activities, and enrichment resources will now be housed in one centralized location. Please click the following link to find this website location.
  - <https://sites.google.com/a/spirit-lake.k12.ia.us/slmsresources/>
  - Staff members will be releasing new lessons on scheduled days throughout the week. The schedule will be as follows:
    - Mondays and Wednesdays - Reading, Math, Art, Music, and PE
    - Tuesdays and Thursdays - Science, Soc. St., Guidance, 21st Century Skills, and Spanish
- Scheduling for 2020-21 classes has begun for students entering high school next year.
- Qualified Free/Reduced student meals will continue [until May 22<sup>nd</sup>](#).

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- Personal property from lockers/desk will be bagged and labeled by our staff. We will communicate a plan for delivery or pick-up by Wednesday, April 22nd.
- Driver's Education will be held, **if at all possible**, with virtual classroom times and individual/paired driving times. This is all pending guidance and allowance by controlling agencies. Further communication will be forthcoming.
- Summer school to be determined at a later date.

## Technology

- Device turn in will ONLY be for 8th grade students the first two weeks of June, with the exact date to be announced and process to be communicated after our voluntary learning period ends.
- Devices will be repaired, following the same protocol as initially shared. Please utilize this form, [Device Repair Form](#), to schedule repair to a school issued device.
- Students or families needing contacts of providers offering discounted services or free WiFi locations in the area, please contact Ryan Friederich: [rfriederich@spiritlakecsd.org](mailto:rfriederich@spiritlakecsd.org).

## Teachers and Support Staff

- All teachers & staff will continue to be paid throughout the remainder of the school year.
- Teachers and designated support staff will hold daily (Monday - Friday) dedicated availability hours (9 AM - 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM) to assist students and parents with the educational opportunities teachers are presenting to students/families.
- Teachers will continue to support our students in ANY WAY POSSIBLE!
- Teachers are being asked to realign their focus by offering the best opportunities available for the remainder of this year and preparing for next year, considering the circumstances. We need to plan for this in future.

## Miscellaneous

- We will assist the YMCA with COMMUNITY daycare needs if applicable.
- The entire school district campus (all buildings/facilities) will remain closed to EVERYONE until further notice. Only essential personnel, as deemed by the Superintendent, will be allowed into the facilities.
- Please direct all communications/questions to: [districtoffice@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us](mailto:districtoffice@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us)
- Please continue to follow recommendations & directives from [Governor Reynolds](#), [CDC](#), [Iowa Department of Public Health](#), and [Iowa Department of Education](#).