

Maine School Administrative District No. 59

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing (and will be calling) to let you know that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be closing all of our schools for two weeks beginning on Monday, March 16th and lasting until Friday, March 27th. At that time a decision will be made on whether or not a longer closure is necessary based on facts available.

This closure is in response to the call by medical professionals to implement practices of social distancing as we work to minimize the spread of (COVID-19). This closure is not as a result of any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our immediate community, though we know the virus is present in our state. We are taking this proactive approach out of the abundance of caution and in an effort to “flatten the curve” of COVID-19 cases in Maine.

This closure applies to the use of all MSAD59 facilities – no outside use until future notice.

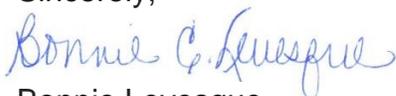
The district's Central Office, along with each school's Principal's offices will operate with essential staff, but will be closed to the public unless otherwise notified.

Details regarding remote learning and meal programs will be shared with families on Tuesday afternoon via phone blast with specific instruction and programming to be made available to families beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

All staff will report to school on Monday. Cafeteria workers will meet in the cafeteria at MJHS at 8:30 AM. Custodians, mechanics, and bus drivers will meet at the bus garage at 8:00 AM. Teachers and regular Ed Techs will meet in their individual buildings with their administrators at 8:00AM. Special education teachers and Ed Techs will meet with Mrs. Richardson in each building during the day on Monday.

Much more information will be forthcoming. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support for our children and our schools.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Levesque
MSAD59 Superintendent of Schools