

March 24, 2020

Dear Parents, Students and Guardians,

As of Monday, March 23, 2020 the State Board of Education has directed that all school districts and charter schools implement a soft **closure through Monday, April 20**. During this soft closure period, Genesee School district will follow national CDC guidelines pertaining to large gatherings and social distancing. While students are not permitted in schools, Genesee Schools will continue facilitating essential services and student learning.

During this soft closure period, local school districts will continue to provide educational and essential services to the best of their ability. School districts are asked to focus on the following: 1. Develop and implement a continuation of essential service, such as food service. Genesee schools will begin food services for students beginning April 6, 2020. More information will be sent out next week to families.

Genesee Schools will also begin offering remote learning strategies on April 6th, which students can utilize during this extended closure. Teachers will begin sending out instructional information to parents and students no later than Monday, April 6th. All teachers will be providing additional support through office hours which students may utilize for online support or instruction. Teachers are also being asked to communicate with families on a weekly basis to ensure that students and parents have opportunities to ask questions or receive necessary support. Instruction will be provided for ALL students K-12. Student who receive special education services will be contacted by their special education teacher with additional resources and support during this period of extended closure. Many of our students are able to access these resources and services without needing any changes to their IEP or 504.

Over the next few weeks, the State Board of Education will work with Idaho's public health officials and the Governor's K-12 Emergency Council to develop criteria that districts and charters can use to inform their reopening decisions. Additionally, the State Board and the State Department of Education will continue to evaluate current state mandated educational requirements.

As a member of the Governor's K-12 Emergency Council, I can assure you that we are meeting daily to discuss changes to the educational landscape and continually update our plans and procedures. Please continue to watch your email, district website and district Facebook page for updates over the next few weeks. We will do our best to keep you informed. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher or administration if you have questions or need support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Moore, Supt.