



Dawson Springs Independent School District

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The Mission of the Dawson Springs Independent School District is to educate, equip, and empower every student to be transition ready, college and/or career ready, and life ready.

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March 13, 2020

Dear Dawson Springs Families,

Upon recommendation from Governor Beshear, in consultation with state health agencies, Dawson Springs Schools will transition to Non-Traditional-Instruction (NTI) days beginning Monday, March 16th through April 10th and the end of spring break. We are extending the requested mitigation period slightly because it is more sensible than returning to school a few days to then go on spring break. School will resume “live” on Monday, April 13th after spring break. During this period, not including spring break, students will receive instruction via online platforms and/or other predetermined teacher assignments. Again, students will not have new assignments during spring break. It is important to add, just today, the KHSAA has implemented the “dead period” which means all extracurricular activities are suspended through April 12th. The situation will be evaluated on April 11th to determine whether or not extracurricular activities may resume, or not.

Student academic participation is mandatory throughout this NTI period. Please assist us by ensuring that your child is completing assignments and communicating regularly with teachers and school staff. While we acknowledge this disruption to the normal school routine, we fully expect to provide the same high level of academic rigor and that we see regularly. Mimicking a rich and authentic classroom environment is admittedly impossible, but we see this situation as an opportunity to personalize learning opportunities for our students.

Though students will not be present in our school buildings during this time, teachers and support staff will still be on duty and working diligently to help students. We anticipate open lines of communication to help students and parents through this entire process. Please find our quick reference guide to NTI days on the reverse side of this document. We will be providing food for students during this time and are currently working out the specifics and logistics for that. We will share more information once the plan is finalized. If, at any time, you need help but have trouble reaching your teacher, please call the office to your child’s school. Also, please feel free to contact the Board of Education office with further questions. Additionally, for updates, we encourage you to monitor the District’s main website at: www.dawsonsprings.kyschools.us (at the middle right of the page under “District News” for current district related updates). I also share a lot of basic information on Twitter and I encourage you to follow me there @DSSuptWhalen for the quickest and most current updates (it’s free).

Despite the hardships created by this situation, we are blessed locally by the strong partnerships we have between our schools, our families, and the entire community. We appreciate your help and flexibility during this difficult time. Thanks again for your continued support of our children and our schools.

****Please see important information on back this notification.**

Sincerely,

Lenny Whalen

Superintendent, Dawson Springs Independent Schools