March 12, 2020

Dear Erlanger-Elsmere Independent Schools Family:

Our school district has been and will continue to collaborate with our state leaders and state and local health professionals regarding the COVID-19 Virus. Erlanger-Elsmere Schools will follow the direction of the Governor and the state and local health department as we all work together to make decisions related to school closures. We are being updated daily from our state and local leaders regarding COVID-19 information.

Erlanger-Elsmere Schools met yesterday to work with our Principals and Leadership groups to create Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) plans for each of our schools. Upon a recommendation from our Governor to close schools, these plans will allow us to provide a hybrid model of instruction using both print/hard copy approaches and on-line learning tools to continue to provide instruction to our students.

Our students would also be able to receive some instructional support from a teacher during this period. Our district and school will communicate these plans to families if the state recommends that we close. Should the closures last for an extended period of time, our district and schools will communicate with our families regularly through email, Infinite Campus Messenger, and social media platforms to keep everyone as informed as we can.

In the event of a school closure, we have also developed a preliminary plan to provide grab and go lunches and delivered lunches Monday through Friday to children ages 0-18 through our food service department. We will be sharing more specific details with everyone if and when schools are closed and NTI days are utilized.

Based upon the information shared with all school districts, the Governor could call for the closures of schools as early as Monday, March 16th. Therefore, we ask that you begin thinking about child care and supervision in the event that school is called off for an extended period of time to mitigate this virus.

As a district, we recognize the inconvenience that this potential emergency order will create for our entire community. Please know that Erlanger-Elsmere Schools stands ready to support our students and families. As our shared priority will always be the health and safety of our students, we thank you for working through this challenge with us together.

Sincerely,

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