

Hello Parents, Students, Staff Members, and Patrons:

This is your Wendell School District Weekly Update #2 for Thursday, March 26. We have had to make many changes in the last two weeks.

A few shoutouts are necessary:

To our school board, thank you for your leadership and guidance.

To our parents and community, we appreciate your valued support and understanding as we navigate uncharted waters.

To our staff and students, we recognize your openness and willingness to accept the challenges in front of us.

We ask ALL to be creative, flexible, and forward thinking. We will get through this as we are *Wendell Tough*. As I stated last week, Wendell Pride is alive and well. I'm proud to be your superintendent!

Go Trojans,

Tim Perrigot

School Closure:

On March 23, 2020, the Idaho State Board of Education directed districts to go into a soft closure until at least April 20th. Soft closure means that students will not be allowed on campus and instead may receive educational services through distance learning.

Communication: District-Wide

Communication with all stakeholders from our Wendell District Service Center will continue to occur weekly on Thursdays via email. When critical issues arise, information will be sent out immediately. Instructional staff is being asked to communicate with students and parents regularly through email, phone calls, and other classroom platforms.

Education Services:

Wendell School District is hoping to provide educational services through a variety of formats beginning on April 6th and continuing until we reopen schools to our students. Please look forward to additional information at a later date.

SPED/504/ELL: Classroom teachers will provide accommodations in their coursework as per each student's IEP/504/ELP. In addition, SPED/ELL staff will make contact with their students to check-in and provide support where needed.

Graduation: All seniors will continue to be able to progress towards meeting state/district graduation requirements for this school year. Counselors will be following up with students regularly. A ceremony is TBD at this point.

ISAT: All ISAT testing has been canceled by the State of Idaho for the 2019-2020 school year.

SAT: The SAT for all juniors and seniors has been canceled and the graduation requirement has been waived for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Senior Projects: The presentation requirement has been waived for 2019-2020. Most of our students completed this requirement prior to shutdown

Food Service:

Starting Monday, March 30th, Wendell School District is planning to feed community children at Wendell Elementary School with our **Trojan Grab-N-Go Meal Program**. Breakfast and lunch will be available to ALL children ages 1-18 free of charge. Per federal rule, children must be present to receive the meals. Parents will not be allowed to pick up meals for children who are not with them. Meals will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the front door. There is a potential opportunity for adults to purchase a meal (TBD). On Fridays, our plan is to deliver any remaining meals to children via regular scheduled AM bus routes (TBD).

Teachers, Counselors, and Administrators

Teachers, counselors, and administrators will be working remotely to provide educational services as previously described. Continual contact with each other and communication with parents on an ongoing basis regarding educational services will be expected. Administrators will monitor to ensure services are being appropriately delivered.

Classified Employees

Classified employees will be asked by teachers and administrators to assist in providing educational services for students. In addition, classroom paraprofessionals will be making contact with parents.

Activities

Students are not allowed on Wendell School District facilities until April 20, except for grab-n-go meals. There will not be any athletic activities or practices until April 6 per Idaho Activities Association (IHSAA) declaration. The IHSAA has another meeting on Tuesday, March 31. It is likely the suspension of all activities will be changed to April 20 to match SBOE soft closure. In addition our Drivers Education, Prom, and Wendell After School Programs have been suspended until further notice. Drivers Education will however, be working online to complete classroom requirements.

Reopen plan

Protocols for reopening are currently being developed at the state level. These protocols will be shared at a later date.