

Good evening parents of the Randolph County School System,

This is Stephen Gainey. I am calling to make you aware of some actions taken by our school system to work through the Coronavirus crisis. These actions are effective at 11:59 p.m. tonight:

- 1) All school trips and field trips, including ones inside the state and inside the county, are cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 2) All middle school athletics and high school athletics are suspended until further notice.
- 3) All recognitions scheduled for the Board of Education meetings on 3/16/20 and 4/6/20 are cancelled. These recognitions will be rescheduled for a later date if possible.
- 4) Grade level assemblies, school-wide assemblies, and other assemblies involving groups of students scheduled for the time period between now and 4/30/20 are cancelled.
- 5) All after-school events involving students and/or adults scheduled for the time period between now and 4/30/20 are cancelled.

In addition to these actions, I ask that school visits to lunch and classrooms by parents be limited to the greatest extent possible between now and 4/30/20. Also, I have asked the principals to limit school visits by non-school individuals, such as guest speakers, to the greatest extent possible during this time period. These actions are being taken to limit the opportunities for the Coronavirus to be brought to school campuses.

All of these actions are being taken to focus our attention on keeping students and staff members safe as well as having normal school days to the greatest extent possible. Furthermore, we want to focus our attention on the provision of high quality instruction for our students while our school system works through this crisis. Several actions noted in this message have end dates associated with them. In those cases, situations will be re-assessed on the noted dates.

Finally, per Randolph County Public Health, the three big symptoms of the Coronavirus are:

- 1) A cough
- 2) A fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- 3) Shortness of breath

Please keep an eye on your children in case these symptoms develop. While we want your children in school, it is important that actions are taken to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus through a school's campus. In fact, "attendance incentives" at schools have been discontinued for the time period between now and 4/30/20 in an attempt to prevent students from attending school if they are sick.

I want to "thank" all parents for your continued support of our school system.

This message also will be posted on the homepage of the school system's website for your reference.

I hope everyone has a great night!!!!