



SHELBY EASTERN SCHOOLS

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Mission Statement:

Shape, Empower, and Support the minds of tomorrow

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RE: Extended School Closure

SES Students and Parents,

On March 19th, Governor Holcomb announced the closure of all schools in the state of Indiana until at least May 1st. SES has been working to prepare for this possibility and wanted to provide parents with an update.

Our objective throughout the entirety of this challenge is to first, maintain the health and safety of all students and staff. When that is secure, provide the most engaging and meaningful instruction we can, given the circumstances.

Beginning on March 30th, SES will operate on a modified spring calendar (attached). That calendar utilizes a combination of eLearning instructional days as well as waived instructional days. It is our intent to continue to provide engaging instruction and content for students. We also recognize the burden this type of learning places on parents who are assisting in the delivery of the instruction and the additional time it takes for our staff to prepare the instruction.

SES will utilize an afternoon bus route delivery approach to provide families with individualized instructional materials for students as well as meals and other food commodities for families who are in need. Since we last surveyed our communities, we are aware that many families may have different financial circumstances now than they did two weeks ago. SES is requesting that all families complete a new survey for food and instructional delivery. To complete the survey [CLICK HERE](#). Due to changes in federal guidelines, **all children under the age of 18 are able to receive free meals from SES (regardless of family income).**

We are continuing to develop long term plans and work out the logistics of extended eLearning. Our website will soon be updated with an extended closure hub with resources for parents including technical support, free internet resources, and archived messages from our office. www.ses.k12.in.us. Please refer to the website with questions you may have or reach out to your child's school. To view the video update and an overview of the calendar [CLICK HERE](#).

As you know, our status and current situation could change in the days and weeks ahead, but we feel it prudent to keep you informed as we modify and adapt our plans. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership through this difficult time.

Regards,

Dr. Todd Hitchcock