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Governor DeWine and the Department of Health closed K – 12 schools in Ohio this afternoon, March 12, for three weeks. Obviously, the decision to close schools, and cancel athletics and other performance events, was not made lightly. The primary objective of this closure is to help minimize the spread of the Coronavirus. For schools, closing is never ideal; but it is a necessary precaution given the gravity of the situation. Staff and student safety is our #1 goal, every day. Please see below - our game plan for the next three weeks – the schools and facilities will be closed to students during this period and ALL activities will be cancelled.

March 13 – No School for Students; Staff in-service / Staff report as normal. The Hoxworth Blood Drive scheduled for March 13 at the Activity Center WILL take place as scheduled. Due to this health crisis, the need for blood has increased, so anyone who is able to donate will be allowed and encouraged to do so from 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

March 16 – 20: Schools will be closed (similar to a week of snow days) No school work. We will be closed Monday, despite the Governor saying the end of the day Monday.

March 23 – 27: Spring Break as normal

March 30 – April 3: Schools will be closed (work may be assigned via hard / digital copies for K – 12). The plan for this will be sent to parents via email and / or phone message next week – for the week of March 30.

Schools will be communicating with parents via email / phone messages during this three-week frame, to keep all on the same page. The health experts will continue to provide information regarding the fluidity of the Coronavirus spread.

When home – please make sure to:

1. Maintain healthy distances, especially staying away from those that are ill.
2. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw the tissue away.
3. Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.
4. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

Continue to monitor southwestschools.org/wellness for more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

John C. Hamstra
Superintendent
Southwest Local Schools

Mission: “Academic and Social growth for all students, EVERY DAY!

Motto: “Excellence through Relationships!”

Core Values: Trust, Respect, Ownership, and Leadership