

Dear WSD3 Families,

As you know from the previous announcement from the governor and Pikes Peak Area Superintendents, in-person instruction at all public and private schools from March 23 to April 17 has been suspended.

We realize this is an extreme hardship for our families and we want you to know we appreciate and support all of you.

Our plan moving forward is to get buildings cleaned during spring break and begin making plans for additional distance learning expectations for students. There is no expectation of distance learning during spring break. We will notify you when those opportunities will begin.

Remember, teachers will need time to plan so we are asking for your patience. We are regularly updating educational resources and family activities on our website, wsd3.org, for you to use with your children outside of teacher instruction.

We are aware that Comcast is offering its [Internet Essentials](#) plan at no cost to qualifying low-income families, providing a significant speed upgrade and cost reduction to their standard low-income plan. Centurylink also offers discounted services for qualifying families as well. We have provided the [link here](#) for you to access their website for these plans.

At this time, we will not be checking out any devices to students for at-home use. We are asking principals and teachers to ensure students who do not have access to devices receive the appropriate materials via email or hard copy.

Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch bags will continue to be distributed the week of spring break between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the following locations:

- Watson Junior High
- Janitell Junior High
- Sproul Junior High

We will be working on a plan to continue meal services during the governor's order to extend school closure.

We understand this is a difficult time for families in our community and you may be experiencing stress and anxiety. The National Association of School Psychologists has tips on its [website](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has resources and guidance on [Stress and Coping](#).

Pikes Peak United Way [2-1-1](#) provides referrals for: food, housing, utilities, home repair, emergency shelter, clothing, transportation, military assistance, taxes, mental health, senior issues, substance abuse, medical care and more.

We will continue to keep you updated and provide resources as they become available to support families. We will also post those resources on our website, wsd3.org, We greatly appreciate your patience, flexibility, and cooperation as we work through these unforeseen circumstances together.

Respectfully,
Scott Campbell
Superintendent of Schools