

March 12, 2020, 5:55 p.m.

All Widefield School District 3 school facilities will be closed from March 16 to March 27

Dear Widefield School District 3 Community,

Starting Monday, March 16, Widefield School District 3 will join El Paso County school districts in closing all school facilities for a period of 14 days. This is a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of infection. The closure will be from March 16 through March 27, which includes our already scheduled Spring Break. We will reassess the situation as we get closer to that end date, and decide if students and staff should return on Monday, March 30. Superintendents will be calling on the Colorado Department of Education for flexibility on mandatory seat time and state testing requirements.

We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis in our community. The decision to close our school district was extremely difficult, made in consultation with all area Superintendents and out of an abundance of caution for our families. We know that closing our schools will have a significant impact on our families, but we also believe that strong, urgent action must be taken to prevent the spread of this disease and to protect lives.

During the closure, all schools, district facilities, buses will undergo additional deep cleanings with recommended disinfectants. We encourage the community to continue hand washing and follow other recommendations from the CDC about how to avoid the spread of illness.

We strongly encourage student attendance tomorrow, Friday March 13. Students will be receiving instructional materials and directions for next week, March 16-20.

Our goal is always to protect the safety, health and wellness of our students, staff, and families. Our strength as a community is our greatest asset. We can work together to protect each other and slow the progression of COVID-19.

We will continue to remain in contact with public health officials, elected leaders and neighboring school districts and keep you updated with new information as it becomes available. Please continue to check your email, WSD3 website (wsd3.org), mobile app, social media, and text for updates. We thank you for your support and partnership in this effort.

Sincerely,
Scott Campbell
Superintendent of Schools