

March 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter, dated March 15, is a follow up to the Nebo District letter dated March 13, and other letters that have been sent from your child's school. It is intended to provide clarification regarding some general questions that have been circulating. Please help us to ensure that all parents, guardians, grandparents, or caregivers who provide student support are aware of this information.

NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DISMISS SCHOOLS -- Repeat

As directed by the State of Utah, all public schools in Utah will dismiss beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, for two weeks in response to COVID-19. This is a proactive measure.

CONTINUED "AT-HOME" LEARNING -- Repeat

"Soft closure" or school "dismissal" means that Nebo employees will continue to provide learning for students through online instruction and/or educational packets to continue student learning. Further communication about devices and materials will come from your school.

Educators in Nebo School District will be working on March 16-17 to prepare online materials and/or packets and **we anticipate instruction will begin Wednesday, March 18**. Please watch for specific information from your child's school and teacher(s).

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate through these unprecedented educational times.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MEALS FOR STUDENTS

Updated March 15 – Students can go to **any** school in the District to pick up meals beginning Monday, March 16.

In order to provide our Nebo students with "Grab and Go" meals, breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase at normal prices. Free/reduced meals are available for those who qualify. Breakfast may be picked up between 8:00-9:00 a.m. and does not need to be pre-ordered. Lunch may be picked up between 11:00-12:00 and should be pre-ordered each day using the phone number and order deadline provided by the individual school.

CHILD CARE NOT PROVIDED

Clarification from the Governor's Office: At Friday's news conference, "Gov. Gary R. Herbert mentioned that during public school's two-week dismissal, parents who are unable to be home with children will have the option to bring them to school to be supervised by teachers. **This is not the case.**

"School campuses will remain open for the next two weeks so students can retrieve personal items or pick up assignments from their instructors. **Some instructors may be available** for brief one-on-one tutoring or to help answer student questions about their assignments. It is important to note that **schools will not provide childcare of any kind.**" (see www.nebo.edu for full official statement)

STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL

Other than for picking up "grab and go" meals, **students can be at the school by invitation only.** If they need to come and pick up items from the classroom, desk, or locker, they should contact the school to make arrangements. Any individual tutoring or small group instruction plans will be coordinated by the school.

STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL – PART 2

Parents always have the right to determine that their child should not come to the school, even if invited for specific services or instruction. As always, students and others should refrain from coming to the school if they are sick or have been in direct contact with those who are sick with the virus.

BUSES

At this time a limited number of buses may be seen driving in your communities. These buses are on specific assignments and are not for the general student population. Please don't mistake the presence of buses as a signal that schools are in session.

ACTIVITIES

There will be no extracurricular activities, practices, games, or performances during these two weeks (see www.nebo.edu for official statement).

QUICK FACTS -- Repeat

- Information is changing almost daily. **For the most current and accurate Nebo District information and communication**, contact your local school and/or check the Nebo District website at www.nebo.edu.
- The school proactive dismissal for two weeks is meant to support social distancing and self-isolation to reduce the reach and spread of this virus.
- COVID-19 has rapidly changing dynamics and the school district administrative team is working with local health authorities to monitor the situation on a daily basis.
- The Utah Health Department COVID-19 Hotline can be accessed at 1-800-456-7707. You can also receive Utah County Health updates by texting "UCHEALTH"

to 888777 or the Utah County COVID-19 Helpline at 801-851-HELP (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).