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Dear Rothsay Families,

Today, Governor Tim Walz and Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker announced that all Minnesota public schools will close to students starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020 with the plan to resume instruction on Monday, March 30, 2020. This instruction **may** be through a distance learning plan.

During the school closure for students, Rothsay Public School will be joining school districts and charter schools across the state to create plans to equitably distribute distance learning to our students should we need to close schools statewide for a longer period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minnesota Department of Education is defining distance learning to mean that a student receives daily interaction with their licensed teacher(s) and appropriate educational materials. Starting March 30, 2020, per the instruction from the Minnesota Department of Education, student learning will continue for the rest of the school year.

Our educators will be giving thoughtful planning to our distance learning plan, offering careful consideration for students in a variety of areas, including students receiving special education services, multilingual learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students who rely on meals served at school.

Once our distance learning plan is final, we will communicate the plan to families through our schoolinfoapp, JMC, and on our website. **Students will need to bring all their materials home (just as if this was the last day of school.) One-to-one devices need to be taken home to prepare for distance learning.** In addition, plans to feed our students will be announced by the same methods by late afternoon on Monday and there will need to be a response from parents **prior to 9:00am on Tuesday, March 17** in order for your child to receive meals on Wednesday.

In addition, all extracurricular events are suspended until further notice. There will be no practices or games until after regular school is resumed.

As always, our priority is the safety and well-being of Rothsay students. We also want to ensure every child has access to the education they need and deserve.

We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wade Johnson', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Wade Johnson
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