



March 20, 2020

Dear Reading Parent/Guardian:

It has been a heck of a week! Since last Thursday, we have been challenged to feed and educate our students in a whole new way. This week, our staff made and delivered more than 1,400 breakfast and lunches to our Reading families. Our custodians have been thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing our building. Our teachers have been working and collaborating to provide weeks of lesson plans and remote learning opportunities for our students.

Thank you to our awesome food service staff, custodians, teachers, and support staff for their dedication to serve our students and community.

Thank you to all the health care professionals, city workers, Mayor Bo Bemmes, City Service Director Pat Ross and fire and police departments out there every day protecting, caring, and serving those in need.

We appreciate all the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who are juggling work and so many other responsibilities while trying to keep your children safe and focused at home.

Right now, the Governor has mandated the closure of Ohio's schools until through April 3, 2020. Our spring break is then scheduled for April 6-10. The Governor has indicated that the school closure could be extended, but no official announcement has been made. We will share any updates to this decision if and when they are communicated by the Governor.

We know you have questions. We're trying to provide the answers. See the ways you can reach us below. We will make every effort to return your call/email within the same day it is received.

Email

The following email is for general questions directed towards the district. For specific questions about your child's lesson plans, contact your child's teacher.

questions@readingschools.org

Website

The following page on our website at www.readingschools.org is dedicated to updates, resources, and information about the Coronavirus.

http://bit.ly/RCSD_Coronavirus

Phone

Call the district/your child's school and leave a message.

Our secretaries, teachers, and administrators will be working remotely and checking and responding to emails and voicemails between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on regular school days. Teachers will be corresponding with parents and students on a regular basis.

Hamilton County Alerts

Alert Hamilton County (Alert HC) and Smart911 notify residents, visitors, and those who work in Hamilton County of emergency situations and other important information. Click on the link below to sign up for the alerts.

<http://alerthc.org/>

We are here to support you. We will get through this together.

As always, I am proud to be a Blue Devil!

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Chuck LaFata
Superintendent