

## March 20, 2020 Update

Here are a few updates as we progress through the school shutdown. Please continue to reach out to the school with any questions you may have. (507) 249-5990

### School Shutdown

All schools in Minnesota are continuing with the mandatory shutdown through March 27 in preparation for Distance Learning. During the March 19th Superintendent conference call, we were notified by the Minnesota Department of Education that there is still not a definite plan relating to the length of time schools would be participating in Distance Learning. As a district, we are preparing for the potential that distance learning may last a significant amount of time. Once we are informed by MDE on what the return to school outlook is, we will notify families.

### Distance Learning Plan

Cedar Mountain has completed its Distance Learning Plan and we will be sharing this plan with all families early next week. A lot of the information and guidance related to COVID-19 is changing on a daily basis and we want to make sure we are closer to the implementation of the plan in the event that our guidance changes. Our plan includes great information relating to how students will receive daily instruction, the distribution plan for materials, attendance criteria and more. When this plan is released to Cedar Mountain families, we encourage you to read through it carefully and contact the schools with any questions you may have.

### Student Support

- Guidance Counselor/School Social Worker: When there are changes in our routines, such as we are experiencing right now, that can add a different type of stress in our lives for both students and their caregivers. We want to assure you that our student support staff is available during this time. Our Guidance Counselor, Mr. Palokangas, [ppalokangas@cedarmt.org](mailto:ppalokangas@cedarmt.org) and our School Social Worker, Mrs Sturm, [psturm@cedarmt.org](mailto:psturm@cedarmt.org) can be reached at 507-249-5990 (High School) or 507-557-2251 (Elementary).
- Office of Indian Education: Cedar Mountain students will be able to access the resources made available through our Indian Education liaisons by contacting the school. Parents or students can call (507) 249-5990 or email Rebekah Gregg at [rgregg@cedarmt.org](mailto:rgregg@cedarmt.org) or Lisa Nez at [lnez@cedarmt.org](mailto:lnez@cedarmt.org). Cedar Mountain will continue to communicate with Lower Sioux Tribal leadership as we collaborate to support our students and families.

### Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus will be the primary system utilized for communicating with families. Families will receive important updates through the contact information that they have listed. Having updated phone numbers, email addresses and mailing addresses in the Infinite Campus system is vital to ensure updates. Please contact the office for assistance with updating your information.

### Meals Update

Delivery of meals—If for some reason you are unable to pick the meals up at one of the delivery sites and live within the district, Cedar Mountain will deliver meals to you. (Only if absolutely necessary)

How to arrange for meals to be delivered.

- Please contact the high school office staff by Friday, March 27th to be added to the list. (507) 249-5990
- Be prepared to share with the office staff how many meals you will need delivered. Only one meal per child 18 and under is allowed.
- Be prepared to share the address where the meals will be delivered to.
- There is a form that all parents must sign if meals are delivered. Delivery driver will have the forms.

Meal delivery would begin March 30th. All meals will be delivered between 11:00am-12:00pm.

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