



Okoboji School District

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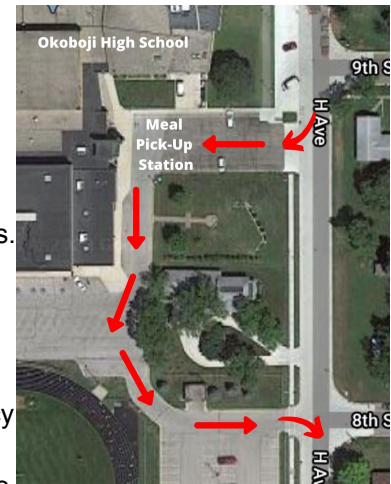
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Okoboji Parents and Families,

We want to take a moment to update you with more information regarding the four-week school closure issued by Governor Kim Reynolds. Below are a few important highlights you need to know:

- **Facility Use and Access:** Families and staff may access the buildings from 4:00-6:00 PM today, March 16th, and from 8:00-10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 17th to pick up any items that may be needed during the next four weeks (ie laptops, band instruments, textbooks, medications, personal items, etc.). Please enter through the main entrance of the respective buildings. Staff will be on hand to assist. After 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 17th, the entire school district campus (all buildings/facilities) will be closed to **EVERYONE** until further notice, except for essential personnel at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- **OCSD will provide meal access during the closure:** Any district resident 18 years old and under are welcome to pick up a free breakfast and lunch at Okoboji High School Monday-Friday between 8:00-9:30 AM. The pickup location is near the South Gym entrance. This service will start on Wednesday, March 18th. See [map](#) (PDF) or [map](#) (JPG) for traffic flow.
- **Teaching and Learning:** PK-12 learning, including special education services, will be suspended until further notice. We do not yet know the status of online college courses. We will share more as information becomes available. Students in 5-12 and staff may continue to use their school-issued devices. We ask that you not contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to request lesson plans, resources, etc.
- **Activities:** No school activities or practices of any kind will be allowed while closed.
- **Staff Leave:** In this unprecedented time, we are considering this closure as emergency leave so we will continue to pay all staff as normal until further notice.
- **Makeup Days:** At this time we are unsure whether any or all of the missed days will be required to be made up. Information will be shared as we receive it.
- **Communications:** The district has added a direct link to our website (www.okobojischools.org/COVID-19) in order to house all communications and updates. Included on this website are direct links to the CDC, and Iowa Department of Public Health.
- **Following CDC Guidelines:** The purpose of this closure is to provide social distancing. Social distancing increases the space between people and reduces the chance of contagion and spread. It is only effective if we all do our part. We **STRONGLY** recommend all of our students, staff, and families to follow guidelines shared by the Centers for Disease Control. Do not gather in groups, stay home as much as possible, and reduce your direct interactions with others. For further guidance please see the [CDC recommendations](#) on helping our community stay safe and healthy.
- **Questions:** Contact the District Office (712-338-4757) or by email to Supt. Todd Abrahamson at tabrahamson@okobojischools.org.



We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. We appreciate your time, understanding, and support during these unprecedented times. The value of community is never more pronounced than times like these. By all doing our part, we will overcome this challenge as we have overcome challenges that have come before. We truly are all in this together.



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