



# Northern Local Schools

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Dear Generals,

I recognize that the recent announcement by the Governor to place school districts on an extended break of three weeks creates a significant disturbance to our regular routines, but I want you to know that your GENERAL family is dedicated to assisting in any way we can. Below you will find bulleted informational items that we believe will help you stay informed and connected with the district during this extended break.

### **Informational Items**

- The Northern Local Schools will be closed beginning on **Tuesday, March 17th** through **Friday, April 3, 2020**.
- Voting polls will be open on Tuesday March 17th by order of the Governor.
- All athletic practices, games, and events scheduled to be held on school grounds are cancelled at this time until April 6, 2020.
- You will find updated information as we receive it by following me on twitter @perkinsNLS or by visiting our website at [www.nlsd.k12.oh.us](http://www.nlsd.k12.oh.us). I will also share updated information through our One Call system as it becomes available.
- For additional questions you may contact our office at 740-743-1303

### **Continuing Education Opportunities**

We are dedicated to continue offering resources to our students to access learning and practice opportunities during this extended break through the following options:

- Students may access student activities through our website on their teacher's page.
- Students may also pick up weekly practice packets if they are unable to access the internet on **Mondays** at their home elementary school parking lot from **10 am - Noon**.
- Students may have packets of educational opportunities sent home with them on **Friday, March 13, 2020**, depending on grade level.

- High School Seniors may drop off any **scholarship applications** at any Elementary parking lot on Mondays from 10 a.m. - Noon.
- **College Credit Plus** online courses will continue as planned during this extended break.
- **Peak online students** will continue as planned.

### Meals Available for Students

We will continue to provide meals to students in need during this break, as we understand the importance of nourishment for them throughout this event.

- Meals will be available in a Drive-Thru format at each of the elementary buildings from 10 a.m. - Noon, every Monday beginning Monday March 16th.
- Any student is welcome to pick up a bag containing 5 days worth of meals.
- Please contact the District Office if you have additional needs that we can assist with in regard to helping to feed our students.

### Field Trips

All field trips planned for the 3 week break have been postponed and may be rescheduled depending on access upon our return to school. *The 8th grade Washington D.C. trip has been canceled*, but may be moved to a freshman trip for those students next fall. Those 8th graders affected should continue to look for communication from the Middle School Principals and Mr. Smith.

Please know that we are dedicated to serving our students and their families in every way possible, and if there are needs that you have that we can assist with please let us know. This is uncharted territory for all of us in regard to the reason for the break, but we are not unfamiliar with extended school cancellations due to weather conditions.

The cancellation of numerous student activities and opportunities saddens us all, but we understand the long term importance of these actions and support them for the safety of our collective society. Please continue to do your part in helping our students, our communities, our state and our country get back to "normal" by limiting your family's exposure to illness and following the recommendations of the CDC and Health Departments.

We look forward to our continued partnership throughout this process, and getting our students back in our district.

Yours in Education,



Thomas Perkins  
Superintendent