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Caddo will continue to feed students at our 18 district sites Monday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All sites will remain the same as previous weeks, with the exception of Turner Elementary/Middle School. Families who go to Turner for meals will be redirected to Huntington High School while construction at Turner is underway. Posted April 20, 2020

Consistent with Caddo Schools Do No Harm Philosophy, Caddo has released information for parents on classification procedures related to the fourth nine weeks of training. The information published to parents can be found here: Letter for families classification procedures. Posted April 16, 2020

Public announcement: It is hereby recommended that the Caddo Parish School Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 16:30 P.M. This meeting will be available to view on Zoom at the following link: . Public comments can be submitted to the Caddo Parish School Council by sending comments, as follows: By placing comments in Zoom by raising their hand using CPSB-Public Zoom instructions. Public written comments submitted before 15:30 P.M. on 21 April 2020 by e-mail to the [mwoody@caddoschools.org](mailto:mwoody@caddoschools.org) will be read aloud during the public comment period of the meeting. Written public comments are limited to three (3) minutes of reading and should include the person's full name and address. CERTIFICATION OF THE INCAPACITY TO FUNCTION FROM THE CUSTOMS OF THE BUTUMOR LIPS In accordance with the Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-30 and 2020-33, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on 16 March 2020 and 22 March 2020, respectively, this notice will serve as certification of the inability of the Caddo Parish School Board to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Act due to a lack of quorum due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. In accordance with Section 4 of JBE 2020-30, the Caddo Parish School Board will ensure participation in the next meeting, which is a key government meeting, on 21 April 2020, via video/conference call. In view of the above, and according to the JBE Proclamation Numbers 2020-30 and JBE 2020-33, the Caddo Parish School Board meeting Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 4:30 P.M. will be held via video/conference call and in a manner that allows observation and entry by members of the public, as set out in this Communication. Posted April 15, 2020

Wednesday, Gov. John Bel Edwards officially announced the closure of district facilities through the rest of the school year. In adhering to the guidelines provided by the proclamation, all Caddo schools and websites will remain throughout the school year. While facilities are closed, the district will continue with online training and essential programs, such as student and Supports. We thank Gov. Edwards for working with school districts to place the safety of our students, staff, and families first, said Dr. T. Lamar Goree, Superintendent of Caddo Schools. Our priority during this pandemic has been to provide the highest quality academic resources for our students, along with access to nutritious meals. We also know the social and emotional needs of our students do not stop because our buildings are closed. For our students and families, we have created a website where you can learn about community programs and services designed to meet your specific needs. Our doors may be closed, but Caddo is ready to support our students, staff and families. Students will continue to complete teachers' tasks for the rest of the school year through the Caddo Home Learning virtual platform in the county. The platform drew attention from the Louisiana Department of Education for its ability to connect students and teachers using the top-rated curriculum. Students will be responsible for completing all assigned work. As tasks are completed, teachers are grading work and providing feedback to students. Students will not be penalized because of their inability to access devices, the internet or academic resources. In addition, teachers and administrators will maintain office hours to answer questions from students and families about classroom work. This is a critical step to protect public safety, Gov. Edwards said in his briefing announcing the decision to close school buildings. It was not an easy decision and not something we wanted to do, but one that we felt we had to do in the interests of public safety. While students will not be at the school building, I fully expect the training and learning will continue. For senior graduates, the district provided dates of July 27-August 1 at the Shreveport Convention Center in the school event systems are allowed to go ahead with graduation ceremonies. Caddo does not know at this point what social distance guidelines will be needed by the end of July; however, the safety of students, staff and families is of the utmost importance. The district will communicate with families in the coming weeks about end-of-year needs, including return devices used at home for training, manuals and the collection of any personal items that remain at school sites. It is currently the intention of Caddo Schools to start the school year 2020-2021, as planned for August 10, with all teachers returning to work on 6 August. As this is a difficult time for Students and families, the district has created a resource page, Caddo Cares, which provides access to mental health agencies with telehealth capabilities, as well as tips to support mental health while in this period of social distancing. Posted April 14, 2020

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Today, Dr. Lamar Goree, Superintendent of Caddo Schools, sent a letter to the senior class of 2020 to state graduations anymore will not be able to go on the scheduled date. The district is currently working to finalize the dates at the end of July in order to continue with the start exercises. Posted April 2, 2020

Today Governor John Bel Edwards expanded his stay-at-home guidelines to require schools to remain closed until April 30. Learning will continue through the Caddo virtual learning platform. Posted March 30, 2020

Starting today and continuing until April 1, school websites will be open to allow families to check devices that allow students to continue learning through the Caddo virtual learning platform. In addition, student assignments will be uploaded to Caddo Home Learning starting today. Please check the tasks and work with your child(s) about any questions or concerns. Today, our district has served more than 46,000 meals as part of our food service program now weekly. We are grateful to our children's nutrition team and the volunteers of our community who with district staff to make this vision a reality. Posted March 26, 2020

Special COVID-19 Allowance Certificates for Minors in Louisiana In response to the current COVID-19 event, according to La.R.S. 23:184.1 Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) will begin issuing sixty (60) days blanket employment certificates for employers wanting to hire minors in the state of Louisiana. Certificates of employment issued as a result of this event expire 60 (60) days from the date of issue. Upon expiry, employers will be required to obtain employment certificates as required in accordance with La.R.S. 23:181 et. Seq. Employers wishing to obtain an employment certificate under this Memorandum must submit a completed and signed Application for employment of minors under 18 years of age, together with proof of laborprograms@lwc.la.gov. The app can be downloaded from the Louisiana Labour Commission website or by copying and pasting the following web address into your browser: . Incomplete applications will not be processed. Employers should give three (3) days for processing. Once the application has been approved, the employer will be notified by e-mail from the LWC Labour Development Office. Names of minors who are authorized to work in accordance with the employment certificate will also be attached to the email. After indicated, general employment certificates shall be effective for a maximum period of sixty (60) days. General employment certificates are not transferable. Certificates must be kept at the minor's place of work. Any questions or concerns about this memorandum should be addressed to [laborprograms@lwc.la.gov](mailto:laborprograms@lwc.la.gov). Posted March 24, 2020

On Monday, March 30, Caddo's Children's Nutrition Staff will resume breakfast and lunch, with changes to limit contact and reduce the risk to both students and staff. At 10 seats, staff will have eight meals prepared for each child to collect for the week. Meal packages will include five breakfasts and three lunches. Meals will be distributed from 8:30a.m. at 11 a.m. on Monday at the following sites: Blanchard Elementary C.E. Byrd High Caddo Heights Elementary Caddo Magnet High Caddo Middle Magnet Captain Shreve High J. S. Clark Elementary Fair Park Middleville Elementary Middle North Caddo Elementary/Middle Southern Hills Elementary Elmentary/Middle University Walmenal Hill Elementary Hill Elementary Hill Elementary/Middle Westwood Elementary Woodlawn High This revised mass program allows the district to continue mass service limiting contact. Plan revised by state officials and approved to continue. In addition, the district requested from the state officials appropriate protective materials, would be masks for Efforts. Posted March 22, 2020

In response to Gov. Edwards stay-at-home for, Caddo Schools won't be offering grab-and-go meals this week. Our district takes the safety of our students and staff seriously and has agreed to provide food services only as long as the safety of participants could be guaranteed. With the increasing rate of spread of COVID-19, we must take all precautions to protect our students and staff. Caddo urges all stakeholders to limit external interactions and consider the governor's recommendations. The district will continue to assess the conditions to determine as soon as possible when we can resume food service. In addition, all Central Office websites will now be closed in addition to our school websites. It is imperative that each entity does its part to flatten the curve for the sake of our community. Posted March 19, 2020

In response to the needs of our community health partners, Caddo Schools has supplied more than 43,000 surgical gloves and upwards of 2,500 masks for the Willis Knighton Health System. Masks and gloves come at a time when health systems see an increased need for basic supplies and inventory begins to come down across the nation. Caddo is grateful for the opportunity to help our medical community during this difficult time. Posted March 16, 2020

Posted at 3:42 p.m.: After the first day of food service for families following the closure of public schools at the state level, Caddo Parish Public Schools is modifying websites and hours of service to better meet the needs of the family. Starting Tuesday, 23 sites will now offer breakfast and lunch. These sites include the addition of Southern Hills Elementary School and change sites at Herndon Magnet School and Jack P. Timmons Elementary School at Moosesport Elementary and Blanchard Elementary respectively. This is in order to put locations in close proximity to families in the northern part of the parish. Also, families will be able to take-and-go meals for both breakfast and lunch when they come to any feeding site. Meals will be offered during the week from 07.m:00 to 11.m. During these periods, staff will be available to provide bagmeal meals at the main entrance of designated schools. Families will not have to enter school buildings or even get out of the car as part of the site's protocols. These changes will allow the district to better serve school-age children to ensure they receive nutritious meals every day. The following sites will serve as feeding sites from March 17-13 April: Blanchard Elementary School Caddo Middle Magnet Caddo Heights Elementary School E. Byrd High School Caddo Magnet High School Captain Shreve High School Cherokee Park Elementary School Fair Park Middle School Green Oaks High School S. Clark Elementary School Judson Magnet School Keithville Elementary / Middle School Mooringsport Elementary School North Caddo Caddo Northwood High School Oak Park Elementary School Ridgewood Middle School Southern Hills Elementary School Turner Elementary /Middle School Elementary School Walnut Hill Elementary / Middle School Westwood Elementary School Woodlawn High School rush and go work? The grab and go meal service is intended to help families who depend on our school nutrition program for meals. When you arrive at the dining location, which is most convenient for you, Child Nutrition staff will be waiting for you at the front entrance of the building. Go to the staff and ask for a table. The table will be packed in a bag. Meals will be offered free of charge to children (aged 18 and over). You should have going to dine with you - there will be a place to eat on the site. You can have a meal at any of the 23 locations, regardless of where you live or attend school. Posted 11:00 a.m.: LOCALE NAACP and Comcast join forces to provide free internet access for Shreveport residents who may have to work from home due to coronavirus. The president of NAACP's Shreveport Branch Lloyd Thompson and senior director of foreign affairs for Comcast Ronnie Colvin announced Monday morning that all residents will receive Free Xfinity WiFi for 60 days. Colvin said whether you or a Comcast customer or not will have access to free internet services for two months. The announcement comes as the district prepares to launch virtual learning opportunities for students across the district. Posted March 13, 2020

Posted at 5:47 p.m.: Dr. Goree announced that we will cancel the ArtBreak Festival because of Governor Bel Edwards closing the school mandated, which will pass through Monday, April 13. We are extremely saddened by this first cancellation of the ArtBreak Festival. However, we wholeheartedly support all safety measures associated with protecting our community from Coronavirus. On behalf of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council and all the team members who worked to produce the greatest ArtBreak Festival of all time, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for all your efforts to participate in ArtBreak. We appreciate the encouragement you are communicating to young artists in our region at this annual student art show. Shreveport Regional Arts Council looks forward to another day for ArtBreak in 2021 and thanks you for your continued support, patience and understanding as we find the best way forward. Posted at 4:39 p.m. While Caddo Parish Public Schools will be closed from March 13 and continue until April 13, the district has established 22 feeding sites throughout the parish to allow school-age children to continue receiving nutritious meals in Day. Starting Monday, parents will be able to drive to schools for breakfast and lunch during designated hours and bagmeal meals will be to lift gently. Families will not have to enter school buildings or even get out of the car as part of the site's protocols. Breakfast will be served from 07.m:00 to 08:30.m. Monday to Friday. Lunch will be available from 11.m:00 to 13:30.m. Monday to Friday. During these periods, staff will be available to provide bagmeal meals at the main entrance of designated schools. While schools may be closed in our district, we know that needs never cease. Dr. T. Lamar Goree, Superintendent of Caddo Schools, said. We are pleased to continue to give our families access to healthy and nutritious meals even in these unprecedented times. Initially, Dr. Goree asked staff to be prepared to open feeding sites by March 30. After making this public commitment to media partners and families, the staff returned and worked diligently to ensure that the district would be able to provide services two weeks earlier than anticipated and even until spring break. The following sites will serve as feeding sites from March 16-13 April: Caddo Middle Magnet Caddo Heights Elementary School C.E. Byrd High School Caddo Magnet High School Captain Shreve High School Cherokee Park Elementary School Fair Park Middle School Green Oaks High School Herndon Magnet School Jack P. Timmons Elementary School S. Clark Elementary School Judson Magnet School Keithville Elementary / Middle School North Caddo Elementary / Middle School Northwood High School Oak Park Elementary School Ridgewood Middle School Turner Elementary / Middle School University Elementary School Walnut Hill Elementary / Middle School Westwood Elementary School Woodlawn High School Posted at 1:18 p.m. Gov. John Bel Edwards issued a proclamation calling for the closure of all K-12 public schools within March 13 and continues through April 13. Districts are asked to implement emergency procedures for essential services until campuses can reopen. The district will alert families to available online educational resources and provide guidance to staff in the coming days. Posted at 11:00 a.m. Caddo continues to work closely in collaboration with many of the top medical professionals in our community. In addition, Dr. Goree met this morning with school principals to provide them with information directly from doctors fighting the disease and providing direction on what the district and schools are doing to combat the spread of the virus. An overview of the information provided to the directors can be found here: Coronavirus Guidance Letter. The letter provides the following direction for principals and staff: All school and district sponsored travel starting Monday, March 16 will be cancelled or postponed until further notice. The district urges schools to review the repayment or credit options available to reschedule trips for a later date. The district encourages all and schools do not plan any future journeys until further notice. All district and school events will be cancelled or postponed until further notice. This includes after-day events or programs that the public will be invited to attend. Extended day programs after school tutoring and extracurricular practices on campus will continue as planned. All high school sporting events will continue as planned pending IHSAA orientation. No volunteers will be allowed in schools until further notice. The district encourages teachers and administrators to limit activities outside the classroom. The district encourages departments and schools to transition professional development and other face-to-face meetings that would take place between multiple websites to online webinar formats to limit contact between teams. We understand that families will have to make choices that are in their best interest. If parents/guardians ask not to send students to school, please follow the JE district policy - PARTICIPATION OF ELEVES for direction. The district will follow the JHCC policy - Communicable diseases for procedures regarding the return of students to school who were absent due to COVID-19. For people reporting possible COVID-19 diseases or contacts with potential infected people, please email your concerns to your supervisor immediately. This morning Dr. Goree also attended a meeting of government and non-profit agencies to discuss ways to address the virus. At the meeting, Dr. Martha Whyte, regional director of the Public Health Bureau, said there continues to be only one case of the virus in Caddo Parish at this time. For our families, we are using guidelines from the CDC as a resource to help parents as they discuss the virus with their children. Stay calm and soothing. Remember that children will react to both what you say and how you say it. They will pick up clues from the conversations they have with them and others. Make yourself available to listen and talk. Take the time to talk. Make sure the kids know they can come to you when they have questions. Avoid language that could blame others and lead to stigma. Remember that viruses can make anyone sick, regardless of a person's race or ethnicity. Avoid making assumptions about who might have COVID-19. Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio or online. Consider reducing screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on a topic can lead to anxiety. Provide fair and accurate information. Provide children with true and appropriate information for their age and level of development. Child. Talk to children about how some stories on COVID-19 on the Internet and social media can be based on rumors and inaccurate information. Teach children daily actions to reduce the spread of germs. Germs. Children should stay away from people who cough or sneeze or are sick. Remind them to cough or sneeze in a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue in the trash. Discuss any new steps that can be taken at school to help protect children and school staff. (e.g. increased handwashing, cancellation of events or activities) Get the kids into a handwashing habit. Teach them to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing; goes to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food. If soap and water are not available, teach them to use hand sanitizer. The hand sanitizer must contain at least 60% alcohol. Supervise young children when using hand sanitizer to prevent the swallowing of alcohol, especially in schools and childcare facilities. Posted March 12, 2020

The first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Caddo Parish was confirmed by the Office of Public Health and Governor John Bel Edwards. The patient is not affiliated with Caddo Schools. As the district continues to work to take preventive measures to reduce the spread of the virus, a letter will be going home to families not only stressing what the district is doing, but ways families can limit the spread of the virus. The letter can be found here: Coronavirus Update to Families March 12, 2020. Posted March 11, 2020

To maintain the safety of our students and staff, the district will be reviewing all students and travel staff and evaluating each application on a case-by-case basis. It applies not only to out-of-state travel, but also to trips to the state at the moment. Posted March 10, 2020

Due to recent developments in the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, and out of an abundance of caution, Caddo is canceling all international district-sanctioned travel with immediate effect and until further notice. District management will work with individual schools and staff to determine potential reprogramming options. Our biggest concern is the health of our students and the Caddo team, and the risk of students or staff becoming ill or quarantined in a foreign country is too high. For students and staff who are currently out of the country, district leadership will work with the Public Health Office, as well as state and local officials to determine any cases that may require self quarantine. Students and traveling staff should be aware Caddo will continue to monitor recommendations and information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and will follow the recommendations of organizations. Posted March 9, 2020

Our students and staff is our top responsibility. Caddo Schools is in communication with the Louisiana Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus. There are currently no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Caddo Parish. Caddo officials shared that the best ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus are the same recommended preventions for influenza and common cold. Since we are still in the cold and flu season, we advise you and your student(s) to take these preventive actions daily, which are always recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses: Stay at home and seek appropriate medical attention when you are sick (fever, dry cough, body pain, etc...). Avoid contact with sick people. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. The constant action of rubbing helps the soap to break down the fat and dirt that carries most germs. This way, your hands not only smell fresh, but you will also reduce the number of germs on your hands by up to 99%. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid sharing food, dishes, utensils and other personal hygiene items. Cough or sneeze in the elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash. Avoid shaking hands. In addition to encouraging employees and families to follow the above preventive actions, we take the following additional steps to minimize the risk of an outbreak at one of our schools: Increased sanitation efforts in our schools and buildings, including toilets, canteens, classrooms, etc. Reporting to a school principal if a student or current staff member has traveled to a country on the CDC risk assessment list. In abundance of caution, we require these students and staff to wait for the 14-day incubator period (starting on the day of their return to the US) to expire before returning to school or work. Asking new families who register if the student has traveled internationally in the last two weeks. Out of an abundance of caution, we require that any students who have traveled to a country on the CDC risk list assessed wait for the 14-day incubator period (starting on the day of return to the U.S.) expire before enrolling in school. Monitoring absences daily. Allowing already scheduled trips outside the state, but until further notice, limiting new trips outside the state for excursions, competitions, etc. Intentional and persistent fight against stigma. As new information emerges, it is important to remember that the risk of COVID-19 is not at all related to race, ethnicity or nationality. Because this is an ongoing situation, the CDC updates its daily online resources. They can be found at . Caddo will continue to monitor the situation and update you if we have information. Information. Information.

