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Clarkston School District Families,

We recently heard from state educational leaders regarding how schools can work through this difficult time and support families. We would like to share with you what we know so far:

**Childcare:**

We have been collecting on-line survey data to see how many of our first responders and health care professionals will be accessing our weekday (M-F) child care. This week (March 17-20) we have been and will continue to reach out to families to make sure that we know how many children we will have so that appropriate staffing, space, food, transportation, daily activities, and supervision will be available when we begin services. We are hoping to finalize these plans by March 23 and to start childcare services as soon as we are able.

**Educational Services:**

During the school closure we understand that you are home with your children trying to keep them engaged. The school district will help and be a resource in this effort. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has stated that online learning can only be provided by the school district as long as all students have access to the resources necessary. Because this is not the case, each school is working on a plan to provide access for learning and enrichment for your children. We have been told that on Monday, March 23 we will receive additional guidance on our options for students from the state.

*Elementary parents (K-6)*

Starting on Tuesday, March 24, learning enrichment packets will be made available to your students based on individual student needs. These packets will provide enrichment help for two weeks after which additional enrichment will be made available. More information is pending on how and where these packets will be distributed and collected.

*Secondary parents (7-12)*

Schoolwork will be sent home next week. Many teachers have already assigned work on-line or sent school work packets home. Schools with students in grades 7-12 will be communicating methods for school work delivery with parents using social media, or school messenger. Student led conferences are cancelled.

**Food Services:**

Starting Monday, March 23, we are changing to one meal time pick up at each site, but extending the time. Grantham Elementary and Clarkston High School will have breakfast and lunch pick up available **only** from 11:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. If you cannot pick up meals during this time frame and are in need of breakfast and lunch for your kids, please call 509-769-6346 and we will work with you to figure out a plan for pick up.

Thank you,

Thaynan Knowlton  
Superintendent