



## K-12 School District No. 8

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To the Community of White Sulphur Springs,

The Board of Trustees of the White Sulphur Springs School District would like to take a moment to update the community on efforts taken by the District during these difficult times. As you are all aware, the Governor ordered school closed on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and he has continued this order two weeks at a time since. Today, the Governor's orders continue to call for school closures through May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our District has been proactive in planning for continued education in the face of what has become the largest public health crisis of our lifetime.

Our District has moved entirely to remote instruction for all students K-12, which includes a variety of formats and learning platforms, including both online and physical materials. In addition, our District has continued to provide meals to students across the District (currently about 100 lunches per day) and has worked to identify and accommodate the needs of our students from internet and technology concerns, to basic school supplies. The goal of our District during this time is to provide as much support to students and their families as possible, be it educational or otherwise. While the transition to remote learning has not been without its challenges, the District administrators, teachers and staff have demonstrated remarkable flexibility, innovation, and dedication to their students despite an almost constant flow of changing circumstances. As a Board, we cannot express enough our profound gratitude for their unwavering commitment to this community during this crisis. Our team has worked tirelessly to make sure that the students of this community continue to have access to the education and resources we can provide, and they have done so without complaint. We are fortunate to have such an incredible group of people making up our team.

As of today, it is unclear as to how long the school closures will extend, but **the District has decided to continue with remote learning through the end of the school year.**

While we all wish that our students could be back in our buildings sooner than later, our duty as a District is not only to protect our students and their families during this crisis, but also our community as a whole. Please continue to do your part to protect the White Sulphur Springs community and thank you for all of your continued support of our District. We know that many of you, our businesses and citizens, have stepped up to help where ever we have needed it, and we are most grateful for all that you do. We are all so very grateful to be part of this community during these uncertain times and know that our District is stronger being a part of this community.

Sincerely

White Sulphur Springs School Board of Trustees