

# Villa Grove Community Unit School District #302

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Dear Blue Devil Parents and Community Members:

On Monday, March 16th, we will have a full day of attendance. All Illinois schools will be closed Tuesday, March 17th, through Monday, March 30th. At this point, school is scheduled to resume on Tuesday, March 31st, though the closure could potentially be extended if the situation at that time warrants it. We will share information about any potential extension as we receive more information.

We are encouraging all students to attend Monday, March 16 to prepare for this closure. Teachers will be sending home learning packets and digital resources on Monday. At the end of the day, we ask that students take home all books, chromebooks, and other materials necessary to continue lessons at home. Students should also clean out their PE lockers and all students should take home any articles of clothing and backpacks.

The district has made arrangements to continue meal service to students during the closure through curbside pick up at the main entrance. Breakfast/Lunch items will be provided on Tuesday, March 17th from 10:00-12:30. Pick up Wednesday, March 18th from 10:00-12:30 which will include breakfast/lunch items for 3 days, and pick up Monday, March 23rd from 10:00-12:30 which will include breakfast/lunch items for 5 days. Snack pack items will be sent home Monday, March 16th and Monday, March 23rd from 10:00-12:30.

During the closure, teachers and other staff will be available to help students by email. A list of email addresses can be found on our school website. The building will be closed to the general public. An administrator will be in the building daily to answer questions and monitor progress from the state. All school events/practices are cancelled for the duration of the closure. Any make-up dates for events will be decided once school reopens.

The Illinois State Board of Education decided that all school days missed due to the mandatory closure will be considered an Act of God days and will not need to be made up. That means that our tentative last day of the school year for students will be May 26th. Graduation and promotion dates will remain as scheduled.

Again we thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this unprecedented time. The situation is changing rapidly, and we will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available. Parents, please check your TeacherEase accounts frequently for future updates.

Sincerely,

Norm Tracy  
Superintendent

Sara Jones  
JH/HS Principal

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PK-6 Principal