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## End of School Year Closure

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# A Message From the Festus R-VI School District



*Educating All Children to Meet Tomorrow's Challenges*

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Staff,

As you may have heard, this afternoon, Governor Mike Parson and Education Commissioner Dr. Margie Vandeven, unexpectedly announced the **closure of all Missouri schools through the remainder of the school year which for Festus is May 22nd**. In making the announcement, Dr. Vandeven acknowledged the many questions that are still lingering, including the impact on the Class of 2020, whether we can conduct summer school; and when a return to the traditional school may occur. We will continue to provide guidance to everyone on not only those questions but many others.

More specifics regarding end of the year procedures, such as return of chromebooks, library books and retrieving personal items still at school, will be communicated within the next couple of weeks. Hopefully soon, restrictions will be lifted and we can begin scheduling celebrations that have been postponed and move forward with our other end-of-the-year celebrations that are part of R-VI Culture.

**All 'At-Home' learning opportunities will continue through May 22nd.** We are currently developing a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document for parents, students and teachers which will outline daily expectations for student learning as we move forward. Look for this document no later than Friday, April 17th.

**We will also be continuing our food distribution.** Food will continue to be distributed from the Upper Elementary parking lot **Monday - Friday from 10am until noon** each day and I want to stress that this is a **FREE program** available to ANY student age 18 or under. I strongly encourage you to sign up for this program by going to our District website.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents, students, and entire staff, for being understanding as we continue navigating this uncertain time in our nation's history as a result of the COVID-19. **You are all Rockstars!** Our parents have taken on a heavy responsibility as we have suddenly transitioned to our 'At-Home' Learning. Our teachers have completely changed their way of thinking in order to provide **QUALITY** learning opportunities each day to our more than 3000 students.

The weeks ahead still hold many questions. As I secure answers to those questions, I will communicate those responses immediately. I have never been so honored to serve as your Superintendent. Stay tuned for further information in the days and weeks ahead. **We must all remain - Positive, Flexible and most of all - Be Willing to Adapt as circumstances change.**

We truly are ALL in this Together and I have No Doubt that our R-VI School Community Will Get Through This Together!!

**I LOVE YOU Folks...Stay Healthy!!! Stay safe. And Go Tigers.**

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Link Luttrell, Ed.D  
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