



# Lewis County Schools

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Message from Superintendent Dr. Lewis,

Good Evening this is Robin Lewis from Lewis County Schools and I am calling to hopefully lower the stress levels of both students and their parents.

Governor Justice announced yesterday that schools will be closed at least until April 20th. As the educators and staff of Lewis County Schools want to do everything, we can help prepare our students to be lifelong learners and get them ready to face all challenges they may encounter in the real world.

We were just beginning our 4th 9-week period when the schools closed. Our teachers and administrators worked to develop meaningful lessons that our students could work on at home, both through Schoology and through hard copy instructional packets for those students without computers or internet access. Today we were given guidance by the West Virginia Department of Education that we should discontinue the use of hard copy packets and that we shouldn't collect those that the students already completed due to the threat of contamination. Additional information will be forthcoming, and we will continue to update you as much as possible,

The policy that we are going to follow going forward is this, we want to encourage students to continue working on their assignments. For those without computers we would like you to read, write, work on puzzles, play games, take walks with your families and do something each day to stay active and engaged. Those students with internet access, continue to work on your lessons, and also do those things that we recommended for the other students. We will be grading the assignments, but they will only be counted if they can increase your child's grade. No student will have their grades decline based on their work at home. We will also give teachers flexibility in working with students on credit recovery and we will do everything we can to make sure this disruption will not jeopardize any student's chances of graduating on time.

I realize many of you have questions and are concerned. In an effort to stop the spread of the virus I have asked all employees, with the exception of those who are essential, to work from home and stay safe. You can send both your teachers and administrators' questions through email or Schoology and they will return them as soon as possible.

Feeding site and time information will be shared on the Lewis County Schools Facebook page, webpage and the Lewis County Family Resource Network Facebook page. Please continue to watch for that information.

Please, do not stress about your child's work and grades. Enjoy your family as much as a quarantine situation will allow and make the best out of this difficult situation. I hope and pray that God will look out over all of you and your families and that we can return to a normal life very soon.

Thank You

Respectfully,

Lewis County Schools

