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Summersville R-2 School District Closure Notice

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Dear Parents, Staff Members, and Community:

The distinct challenges we are facing due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic are causing difficult decisions to be made. Although Texas and Shannon Counties have no confirmed cases as of this moment, the local School Board and administrators have made the decision, in conjunction with local health authorities, to close our schools in order to safeguard the health and wellness of our students and staff, decrease the burden on the healthcare system, and protect the most vulnerable members of our community. While we are certainly in uncharted territory with this situation, there was really no choice given the circumstances.

Summersville R-2 School District will be closed through April 3rd. It is impossible to predict where we will be in a few days, much less two weeks. With that in mind, we tentatively plan to resume school on Monday, April 6th. As that date approaches, we will re-evaluate the situation and convey any updates to all families, staff members, and patrons of Summersville. This will undoubtedly create some hardship for many people; however, the health of everyone, especially those most vulnerable, has to be the number one priority. Our decision aligns with similar actions being taken by the vast majority of school districts in the state of Missouri to mitigate the spread of this virus. There is an administrative meeting tomorrow to formulate a plan to provide meals to students starting next week. Those details will be communicated once finalized.

Please continue to be safe by washing your hands, covering coughs, and limiting your interactions with those outside your immediate family. If you are sick, please stay home and take care of yourself. Please go to www.health.mo.gov for the latest updates on information and resources to stay healthy during this time. You can also click the following link for additional information:

<https://dese.mo.gov/commun.../coronavirus-covid-19-information>.

We appreciate your understanding, patience, and support in this matter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rick Stark
Superintendent of Schools