

Dear Montville Families,

I wanted to provide you with more information about plans for the upcoming school closure. We will definitely be closed from March 16-27. We will carefully evaluate whether we can re-open on March 30th or not, and I will keep you updated as we gain new information.

Making Up Missed Days:

The governor's statement that he was waiving the 180-day school year requirement was confusing because not all articles clearly explained that he was waiving the need to attend any additional days **after** June 30th. If we were able to return on March 30th, we would need to make up the ten days missed through some combination of days in April and/or at the end of June. We will wait to make any decisions about make-up dates until we see when we can return to school.

Meals for Students:

We have put in an application to provide breakfast and lunch to all students during our school closure. I have every reason to believe this application will be approved, and we plan to begin distributing meals next Wednesday, March 18th. Meals will be available at Montville High School and Mohegan Elementary School and can be picked up between 9-10 and 12-1. You can pick up both meals at either time.

Access to Schools:

- On Monday, all buildings are closed while custodians disinfect offices.
- On Tuesday, students will be allowed into the schools in small numbers between 9:00 and 3:00 to pick up any belongings they need.

Student Medication:

Nurses will be present from 9-1 on Tuesday to allow parents to pick up students' medications if needed at home. They will make alternate arrangements for any parents who cannot come during this time.

Supplemental Work for Students:

By the end of the day Tuesday, we should have all supplemental work plans posted electronically. Principals will send building-level School Messenger emails to parents explaining how they can access this work. If you do not have internet and would like your student to take advantage of online programs, we have posted a flyer about accessing free internet on our website.

Continued Communication and Updates:

I will be attending regional superintendents' meetings and speaking with the Uncas Health District every Thursday. Every Friday morning I will send an update through School Messenger to all families. Of course, I will communicate any important information as soon as it comes to my attention.

I hope you stay healthy. Please know that the decision to close schools was a very difficult one as we are aware of its impact on students and families, but we do believe that it was a necessary step.

Take care,
Laurie Pallin
Superintendent, Montville Public Schools