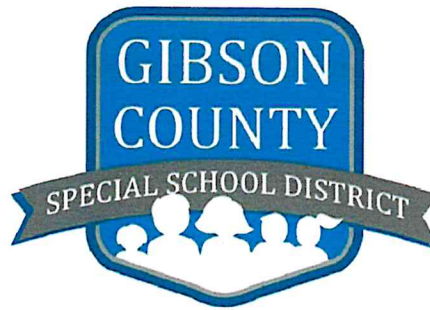


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GCSSD Families and Staff,

We understand the concern from our families and community around the COVID-19 or coronavirus. Based on recommendations from Governor Bill Lee, the Gibson County Special School District will not be in session March 17, 2020, through April 3, 2020.

All school events are suspended effective March 17, 2020. We will reassess all of our policy adjustments on April 3, 2020. It is our top priority that students stay healthy and have all the supports they need to continue learning. Teachers will work with parents to continue instructing students while they are at home by providing online and/or take home packets. In addition, we will start feeding students on March 18, 2020, and will continue until March 27, 2020. Instructions on how to receive meal services and instructional support will be posted on the GCSSD website and other social media outlets ASAP. Education services and meals will not continue during our scheduled spring break. While we are out of school, we are asking our students and families to follow the recommended guidelines from the CDC. See additional information for parents in the information provided below.

- **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching an illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are spread this way.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
- **Wash hands for 20 seconds.** Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of germs. For more guidance see the CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands guidelines. (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html> ) If you cannot wash your hands with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

We will reassess the situation by April 3, 2020. If you have any questions, you can reach me at [epruett@gcssd.org](mailto:epruett@gcssd.org) or at 731-692-3803.

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