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Date: March 22, 2020
To: Knob Noster Public Schools Community
From: Superintendent Jerrod Wheeler
RE: Covid-19 Update – Copy of Phone Message to Parents

Dear Knob Noster Public Schools Community,

Good Afternoon Knob Noster Public Schools Community. This is Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools. I am calling today with an important message to follow recent communications shared through email, social media, and our website.

Due to the current Covid-19 situation we are facing across our community, state and nation, I announced that all Knob Noster Schools will implement an initial closure from March 23 through April 5 in an email message earlier this week. Our administration, teachers, and staff will collaborate next week to develop a plan for virtual learning for the foreseeable future. At this time, we expect virtual education to begin for students on Monday, March 30. Please stand by for details later next week on how this will be implemented. To confirm, virtual learning will not occur the week of March 23rd through March 27th.

If you have not received email communications from our district regarding the Covid-19 situation, please visit our website at www.knr8.net to view all previous messaging related to this subject. I also ask that you email your child's school office to ensure you are added to the email list. Contact information is available on our district website.

Additionally, I invite you to complete a parent survey linked on our website which was referenced in the family message dated March 17th. Your response to the survey provides the district with valuable feedback for our planning and response in the days ahead. The survey gives you an opportunity to provide feedback regarding free school meals, internet service at your home, student medications, and the ability to support virtual learning in your home. We understand this is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you to know we will give our best effort to support your family and the students in our district.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to the outpouring of support and good-will we are seeing toward our school district team and throughout our community. The Knob Noster Team is strong and stands united to continue serving our students and our community. We hope this will bring a level of comfort to you and your family as we move through this process together. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this issue and we hope you and your family stay safe and healthy as this situation evolves in the weeks ahead. Please reach out if we may be of assistance to you.

Very Respectfully,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools