



### **Important update from MCSD regarding COVID-19**

Marshalltown Community School District will close all schools for an additional three weeks - from March 23, 2020 to April 10, 2020 - in accordance with state government recommendations.

MCSD is already closed this week, March 16-20, for an extended Spring Break in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect students, staff and the wider Marshalltown community. The extended Spring Break and the closing of schools through April 10 means school will not be in session for four weeks, in accordance with Gov. Kim Reynolds' recommendation. The cancellation extends to all athletic practices and competitions, performing arts practices and events, school-based after school programming, and previously scheduled family engagement events. Student and staff safety remains our district's top priority.

The district will not have students make up the one (1) snow day and the five (5) extended Spring Break days as the district will still meet the state-required minimum of 1,080 student instructional hours. This is possible due to minimal weather-related cancelations and/or shortened instructional days during the 2020-2021 school year.

Teachers will work Monday, March 16, through Wednesday, March 18 to identify resources that students and parents/guardians may access and use to further their learning during this extended break. This will count for three (3) of the six (6) teacher contract days (one snow day plus the extended Spring Break). The teachers' work day will be extended 30 minutes each day from Monday, April 13 to Monday, June 15 to make up for the other three (3) contract days.

Students and staff will tentatively return to resume school on Monday, April 13. This will be converted from a previously scheduled staff development day to a student attendance day. MCSD students' last day of school is now tentatively scheduled to be Thursday, June 25. Teachers' last work day will now tentatively be scheduled for Friday, June 26.

MCSD will continue to monitor the situation with county and state health officials. Should Iowa's status change, the district will turn to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and follow any updated guidelines. MCSD will continue to share updated information in regard to COVID-19 on our website, in emails to parents and staff, on social media, and with the local news media.