



## West York Area School District

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Todd M. Davies, Ed.D., Superintendent

March 13, 2020

Dear West York Community:

Yesterday, through a [press conference](#), Governor Wolf highlighted detailed measures the Commonwealth is taking to deal with the COVID-19 Pandemic. These same measures were re-emphasized today through a webinar, hosted by the Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera. In short, the guidance from our commonwealth officials is for all Pennsylvanians to practice social-distancing measures. Central to those recommendations are suspending all large gatherings, events, and conferences of 250 or more people. In addition, Governor Wolf specifically discourages all residents from participating in smaller-scale recreational activities, such as going to movie theaters and gyms.

Even though there has not yet been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in York County, after consultation with the Superintendents from York County, realizing the interconnectedness of our districts, we have collectively made the determination to close our districts and suspend all extra-curricular activities until March 30, 2020. While we understand the gravity of this closure and how it impacts our families, we believe it is in the best interest of our students and families.

Therefore, the following will apply to West York Area School District, as well as all public schools across the county:

1. Effective at the close of school today, Friday, March, 13, 2020, and until Monday, March 30, 2020, the West York Area School District will be closed for all students and activities for two weeks.
2. District Administration will assess the situation by Friday, March 27, 2020, and will provide an update and additional information at that time to District families and the community regarding the status of the District.
3. All outside group activities that use our facilities will be canceled.
4. All athletic practices and games will be canceled.

West York students in all grades will be sent home this afternoon with assignments and school-work for the two-week closure that have been prepared by their teachers and can be completed at home. The purpose of this is to provide a continuum of education for students. Next week, we will share methods of communication families can use should their children have questions about the work that was sent home.

While uncertain times may initially evoke worry, anxiety, or fear, they are also the ideal times to practice resiliency, flexibility, and teamwork. With the right frame of mind, challenges become the best opportunities to learn and grow in ways we otherwise might not have. I would like to thank the Board, District administration, faculty, and staff for their unwavering support and teamwork in preparation for something none of us ever imagined happening. I also appreciate all the support from District families - from appreciative comments to questions and thoughtful suggestions - it's clear that the Bulldog community looks out for each other.

As a reminder, if you have not had an opportunity to take the [Technology Survey](#), I encourage you to do so. The information provided through that survey will be extremely important as we develop and implement distance learning options that include the use of technology.

District families will be notified of further updates via voice message, email, and/or text. Please continue to visit the District website frequently, as well.

Sincerely,

**WEST YORK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd M. Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd M. Davies, Ed.D.  
Superintendent