



Please read this important message from Gilbert Community Schools

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Gilbert Families,

Thank you for partnering with us during this uncertain time. It may feel as if we are building the plane as we are taking our first flight lesson. We will all get through this together, and be that much stronger. This email has quite a bit of information. It will be archived on the district COVID-19 page of the website. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Continuous Learning

Our district administrative team is working on a Gilbert CSD Continuous Learning Guidance Document that will be shared with teachers this week. The document includes the philosophies and definitions that guide continuous learning at Gilbert. We are addressing:

- Teacher and Student Expectations
- Identifying Delivery Platforms
- Communication with Internal and External Stakeholders
- Professional Development and Teacher Competency
- Defining and Ensuring Student Access

During this unprecedented time, we want to be able to provide structure and consistency to our families and students, while also recognizing that there are additional challenges students and families are facing that may require significant flexibility. We believe this balanced approach best meets the needs of our students and community by providing the opportunity for continued new learning and providing the greatest flexibility for families.

The abridged Gilbert CSD plan for continuous learning is [linked](#) here.

- Teacher, Student, and Parent expectations are available on the above link
- The document will serve the school district for the remainder of the year, not just this month, in the event that this school closure period extends beyond April 30.
- If we are given the go-ahead to return on Friday, May 1st, that will be a regular school day for students.

The platforms we will use for student/teacher connections will be Zoom or Google Hangouts/Meets. We ask that you please respect the privacy of students in the classroom no taking pictures, no screenshots or video recording of these classroom events. This follows the guidelines in all our school handbooks.

Update on Grab-N-Go Meals

Gilbert CSD received a grant from the USDA to pay for the Grab-N-Go meals. Which means, we will be reimbursed for the cost of student meals. The grant does not pay for adult meals. We are sorry to say we do not have funding for adult meals. Starting Monday, April 13th:

- Grab-N-Go meals will continue to be available (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- For students age 18 or under
- Pick up locations:
 - Homestead Colony Trailer Court, 190th just west of the Moose Lodge 11:00 - 11:30
 - High school south parking lot 11:30 - 12:30
- Meals will be provided until the end of the closure, whether that is April 30th or beyond.

A new link will be available Friday, April 10th. Check your email or the website for this.

There are Grab-N-Go meal options available in the surrounding community. [Food at First](#), located at 611 Clark, Ames, is an option for Grab-N-Go meals. See the link above.

Fishes and loaves is a food pantry located in Story City, 510 Pennsylvania Ave, (515) 231-8407.

FAQ Document

We know there are questions out there. If one family has a question we're sure others do as well. The district is in the process of putting together an FAQ document that will be located on our COVID-19 page of the website. This should be up and running by Wednesday, April 8th.

Community Needs Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out the quick needs survey. Follow this [link](#). We are using this information to know how we can best support you. If your situation changes please fill it out again.

Remember we are ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and let others take care of you.

Every Family! Every Day!