March 13, 2020

Parents and Community Members:

I have been in direct communication with various health and school agencies in planning and preparing to do whatever is needed to help manage the health issue we are all facing.

There is no easy answer or sure-fire way to manage this epidemic, but through guidance from the Iron County Health Department and working in conjunction with our neighboring communities, a major decision has been made to help protect not only our students but also our entire community.

I believe everyone realizes that the covid-19 is impossible to stop, but we can work collaboratively to help slow the progression and by doing this we can help our health providers as they will be stretched beyond their limits in the upcoming weeks and months.

We fully realize that this isn’t typically a crisis for healthy students and adults, but because students testing positive don’t always present with symptoms, they can often transmit viruses very easily without even knowing it. It’s imperative we are in front of this the best we can and are not making decisions too late.

Therefore, the Hurley School District will be closed starting Monday, March 16th through Monday, April 13th. All activities, besides the school board meetings at this point, will be canceled. There will be no practices or general school use of the facility in any capacity.

There will be a lot of decisions that will need to be made in the near future and you can expect more announcements to be made. We will be looking at providing an educational platform to educate all students. This is a community issue and will take a community approach to managing it.

We are committed to doing what’s in the best interest of our students and community and want everyone to be assured we are working diligently to meet the rapidly changing demands that are placed on us.

You can expect more updates as we know more and finalize additional plans. Together, we will work collaboratively to do the best we can in these uncharted times. We strongly encourage all families to frequently wash their hands, avoid all non-essential travel and avoid all group gatherings.

Sincerely,

Kevin J Genisot
Hurley School District
Superintendent

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