March 16, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATES FOR THE HAYWARD COMMUNITY

Dear Hayward Community School District Families,

As many of you have heard, there was a directive from Governor Tony Evers to close all of Wisconsin’s public and private schools. The Hayward Community School district will be closed starting on Wednesday, March 18th and planning on re-opening on Tuesday, April 14th. This includes all after school activities and access to the school grounds, including playgrounds, athletic fields, and the track. Scheduled School Board meetings will continue to run as normal.

As the (COVID-19) continues to spread, we want to reassure our community that the health and safety of our students, staff, and community is our top priority. Due to the fact that this is a rapidly changing situation, we continue to monitor the COVID-19 on an almost hourly basis and will continue to do so for the coming weeks. We are addressing the epidemic in a very systemic manner with local, state, and federal health agencies.

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION
We will continue to inform our community of the latest changes and updates in regards to this situation. Please visit our website page at www.hayward.k12.wi.us and look for individual emails, phone calls and refer to our social media outlets for a variety of resources to assist you during this process.

FOOD SERVICE
The Hayward Community School District will be providing free breakfast and lunch to all students to households whom have students attending the Hayward Community School District that are 18 years of age and younger. We feel food service is a very important element of our process during this epidemic. This program will start on Thursday, March 19th and will continue through April 3rd (Monday-Friday). Options to participate in our food service program include either picking up your food from the Hayward High School drive thru location or daily bus delivery to your bus stop. Times for both drive thru pick-up and bus delivery will be between the hours of 11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

We ask that you complete this survey so we can provide this opportunity for students to receive meals. Please complete by 6pm Tuesday March 17th. If you do not have internet access and would like to participate in our off-school food service program, please call the building level assistants and they will get your information logged into our system.
MEDICATION PICK UP
Parents and guardians are encouraged to pick up their child’s prescription medication from school on Tuesday, March 17th from the hours of 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Medications will not be released to the students at any time.

ACADEMICS
The Hayward Community School District’s priority is to provide a top-notch education for all of our students, while protecting their health and well-being and we will continue to follow the guidance of public health professionals. As the priority across the world at this time is health and safety, not academics, the Hayward Community School District is committed to providing each of our student’s enrichment activities for the coming weeks. Please look for work from your students when they get home on Tuesday afternoon. We will also be providing on-line resources on our social media outlets. Please take the time to research some of these resources and utilize them as you best feel the need.

There are many questions that have yet to be answered including, required instructional hours, state testing, and graduation dates just to name a few. We are in unchartered waters and it is a stressful time for everyone. Information is rapidly changing and we will do our best to keep our community informed and continue to work in partnership with you to do what is best for our students, staff, and community of the Hayward School District.

I appreciate your flexibility and understanding in this matter. My hope is that everyone continues to embrace this adversity and we will be a stronger community moving forward from this event. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to call me or stop by and I will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

Craig Olson, Superintendent
Hayward Community School District