



# PORT WASHINGTON-SAUKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*We educate all children to reach their greatest potential.*

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Dear Families,

The health of our students, staff, families, and most vulnerable is of utmost importance, and we support all efforts to reduce the impact of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released guidelines for school districts regarding school closures on March 13, 2020. In consideration of the unprecedented situation in Wisconsin and the nation, both the North Shore and Washington Ozaukee Public Health Departments support "medium length" school closures for schools to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

The Port Washington-Saukville School District along with the following school districts: Brown Deer, Cedarburg, Fox Point-Bayside, Germantown, Glendale-River Hills, Grafton, Maple Dale-Indian Hill, Nicolet, Northern Ozaukee, Mequon-Thiensville, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay will be closing for the next four weeks with the possibility of extension. This means that our district, along with others, will be closing for a four week period beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, with school tentatively resuming on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

According to the Health Department, the impact of a single case in any school is extremely significant. If one student or staff member becomes infected, everyone who was in close contact will need to be quarantined for 14 days. Close contacts include anyone who spends time, within six feet, of the positive case. When considering the proximity of a school environment, the contacts and exposures grow exponentially, and quickly. We are supporting closures before community transmission is confirmed to greatly reduce further spread of COVID-19 in the community. We recommend that you follow the CDC and Public Health Department guidelines regarding social distancing and group size for gathering.

Consequently, Port Washington-Saukville School District will be closed from March 16 to April 14, 2020. Our staff will be working to provide learning opportunities and resources to access from home. Next week, your building principal will be sharing more information.

Best Regards,

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