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Dear Parents and Families of ISD 592:

This morning, Governor Walz announced that all Minnesota schools will be closed for students beginning Wednesday, March 18 through Friday March 27. Climax-Shelly School WILL be in session on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17.

This closure is to provide staff time to develop a thorough plan to facilitate educational services in the event of a longer school closure. We will also be using the time to deep clean the school's classrooms and buses.

If you are a member of the emergency services profession (law enforcement, fire department, EMTs, etc.) and/or the medical profession (direct care staff) that has school-age children between the ages of 4 and 12, please contact the school Monday or Tuesday, March 16 and 17. We will make arrangements to provide supervision for your children during what would be regular school hours.

During this closure, we will also be making arrangements to deliver meals by providing sack lunches for students. More information on how that will look will be provided in the near future. Please contact our school secretary, Ashley, to let the school know if you will be utilizing school lunch services, as we will need to know how many to prepare.

As recommended by the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and the Minnesota Department of Health, please remember the basics for prevention: thorough and frequent handwashing with soap and warm water, covering sneezes and coughs, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, practicing social distancing (maintain a 3 to 6 feet separation between you and others) and staying away from large gatherings of people.

As more information is made available, we will share the information on our school website (www.isd592.org), our school's Facebook page and for students through our Remind app.

Thank you,

Michael Underwood Superintendent, Climax-Shelly School