



## CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Central Public School Family:

Yesterday, we learned that Oklahoma students will not return to the classroom for the remainder of the current school year, following a vote by the state Board of Education. Instead, districts, including Central School, will implement continuous learning plans that will allow students to complete the school year at home. State education and health officials believe this move will help our state fight the spread of COVID-19.

We are sharing this information with you now so you can prepare accordingly for your family. We understand this change is in the best interest of everyone's health, which is our greatest priority as a district. The state board's vote also means that all extracurricular activities and special events will be canceled. Making these difficult decisions, we believe, is simply the right thing to do for our students, our staff and our community.

Central School is developing a plan to ensure your child will continue to have opportunities to learn and to grow academically, especially with parental support. Because we are unable to safely gather together, these lessons and activities will primarily be delivered and communicated the best way possible for our students. As you can imagine, this is a significant transition for our students and our teachers. Central School will spend the next week planning for this effort and will share details with your family as soon as they are available. Teachers and support staff members can expect to hear from their principals early next week.

For our seniors and their parents, we know it is an especially difficult time. This is an unfair situation, but please reassure them that it does not diminish their achievements.

We have posted on our website, [www.centralps.k12.ok.us](http://www.centralps.k12.ok.us) information about free breakfasts and lunches for children under the age of 18.

This is an unprecedented situation, and it has required an unprecedented response. However, we can still take care of Central Public School students. This is a community that sticks together in challenging times, and we know this experience will be no different. As soon as we identify our next steps, we will share them with you.

Please stay safe. As always, we appreciate your support of Central Public School.

Sincerely,

Larry Henson  
Superintendent