

May 05, 2020

Dear DPS Families and Friends,

Last night we shared a video update to our website and social media with some district information. If you did not have a chance to view it, here are a few things that were covered.

- **Distance Learning to Continue through the End of the Year:**

Governor Burgum has extended the mandatory closures to instruction for K-12 public education through the end of the school year. The last day for new assignments will be May 15. Schools will use the following week to assist students and organize device return and personal belongings pickup.

- **Graduation Update:**

Thanks to our partners at Dickinson State University, we are excited to announce that we will be holding the 2020 graduation ceremony at the Henry Biesiot Activities Center on May 24. We will be releasing more details and information next week.

- **Regional After School Program (RASP):**

It is our intent to provide the RASP program to our patrons this summer if permitted. We are waiting for clear direction from the Governor/Department of Public Instruction to determine what type of summer programming we will be able to offer. For now, we are now conducting online preregistration for those who plan to participate. To preregister for the program, please visit <https://schools.procareconnect.com/register/dickinson-public-schools-rasp>. **We will not require any payment at this time.**

- **Summer School:**

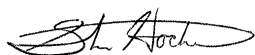
We are planning to start summer school in person on July 20. If we are not allowed to have students at school, we will offer summer school through distance learning. We will continue to provide updates on this as they develop.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8):**

We want to thank our teachers and all of our staff for all the incredible work they have been doing on behalf of students. Please join us in celebrating them.

Please continue to check your email, social media, your child's school accounts, and the district website as we will be posting updates as this situation evolves. Thank you for supporting Dickinson Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Dr. Shon Hocker
Superintendent

Additional Resources

[The ND Department of Health](#) | [US Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) | [Prevention \(CDC\)](#) | [ND Department of Instruction](#)