

COTOPAXI PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Ken Eckelberry

March 18, 2020



To all Cotopaxi Parents:

I want to thank everyone for their support as the district “rolls with the punches” during these turbulent times and the many changes we are rapidly making, the first of which is the extension of our school closure dates. **Cotopaxi Schools will now be closed the week of March 30 through April 2nd.**

On Monday, the staff gathered together to discuss and plan for the instruction that will take place in the week of March 30 through April 2nd. The district is committed to providing learning opportunities for our students that are meaningful and engaging. In many cases the instruction will look different due to the lack of the face-to-face interactions they are accustomed to receiving on a “normal” school day. Each teacher has been charged with developing alternative lessons/assignments/activities in their subject area or grade level following the progression of state standards.

The first thing we need to determine is which households in our district have internet access. This will impact the delivery of the instructional materials and the method of student response to their teachers. Please email me with this information at keckelberry@cotopaxire3.org. It is vital that students check their school email accounts on a daily basis for homework and updates. If you do not have internet access, please call the school at 719-942-4131.

MS/HS students can come and pick up books and other materials Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19 by contacting the school by email or phone. Please share your name, locker number, textbooks needed, and any other items needed. Materials will be brought to you to minimize contact. On Monday, March 30 each student with internet access will be sent class assignments to be completed for the week of March 30 through April 2nd. Those students who do not have internet access will be given an instructional packet at a date and location to be determined. Assignments will be given on Monday to be returned completed the following Monday, April 6th. Elementary students will receive instruction specific to their teachers.

To assist our students in obtaining the instructional services they need from our school, I have been in contact with Viasat, a satellite internet provider which provides some of our area with internet service. They are exploring the possibility of providing free internet service to those households who currently do not have it. I will keep you informed as I receive more information about this exciting possibility.

Once again, I want to thank you for your support and patience. As a school, we are entering “uncharted waters”, but we are confident that we will be able to navigate these uncertain times to provide our students with meaningful and relevant instruction that will keep them moving forward until COVID-19 is behind us and we’re back in our building.

Sincerely,

Ken Eckelberry- Principal