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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing this letter to inform you that due to the COVID-19 virus and guidance from state agencies, school will operate under a different format from March 30-April 10. Our new format will consist of elearning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and waiver days (days off with no instruction) on Thursday and Friday. We plan to develop a week by week plan, but a calendar is attached that represents IF we are required to close for the rest of the 9 weeks. Please see information below:

### OCEMS Device pickup

Parents/guardians will be able to pick up their child(ren)'s device(s) on Thursday, March 19 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. We are offering parents who pick up devices a free roll of toilet paper per family as a departing gift! Additionally, many of the lessons can be completed over cell phone, but if you do not have internet or a cell phone, wifi has been opened up to the parking lots of both buildings as well as we will park a bus with wifi service in the Southfork Church's parking lot in Bear branch.

### Student Breakfasts and Lunches

Beginning on March 30, 2020, we plan to deliver free breakfast and lunch to households daily. This service is provided to all families. If you would like to participate, a parent/guardian will need to contact the Superintendent's Office at (812) 438-2655 to provide the students' names and address. The program consists of lunch for the day and the breakfast for the following day. Meals would be delivered between 11:00-1:00. Students that live outside of Ohio County can meet the bus in designated locations inside the county.

### eLearning

We realize that elearning is new to our students and staff. Teachers and administrators met yesterday to create a plan, which consists of many of the same websites that students are already familiar with. Teacher lesson plans for the 3 day week will be on the school's website by Monday morning each week. Teachers may also provide more in-depth lesson plans through a different site (Class Dojo, PowerSchool, Microsoft 365, email), but parents will be able to view weekly lesson plans at [www.risingsunschools.com](http://www.risingsunschools.com). Also, students with IEPs will still receive accommodations. Case conferences may be held over a Zoom video conference. Lastly, counseling services will continue through either phone calls or Zoom video conferences.

We realize that this creates another hardship for families in difficult times. We sincerely apologize. We plan to be supportive, understanding, and continuously engaged throughout the whole process. Teachers will be available on elearning days from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with many teachers answering questions past this timeframe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Branden Roeder".

Branden Roeder, Superintendent