



MEDIA RELEASE

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USD 305 Closed March 16-20, 2020

Parents were notified this evening that Salina Public Schools will be closed March 16-20, 2020. This decision was made based upon a recommendation from the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) that all schools in the state of Kansas close for the week of March 16-20. This recommendation came as a result of joint discussions between state health and education leaders, school district leaders, and educational organization leaders.

School closure guidance did not change, but KSDE strongly recommended that all Kansas school districts close at the same time to allow statewide planning. Further recommendations for district and county health leaders are expected later this week. The closure will allow leaders from across the state to develop a strategic plan for addressing COVID-19. Planning will occur at the state, local and district level.

The closure will assist in limiting social interaction in our community. For this to work, parents and guardians are asked to help by keeping their child home and practicing social distancing. Preventative measures will only be effective if we all work together. In addition, practice habits that prevent the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.

The school district will continue to update families as more guidance is received. Information and resources are available on the district website, usd305.com.

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