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Dear Students, Parents, and Cross County Patrons,

At 3:30 p.m. today we received direction from Commissioner of Education Blomstedt and Governor Ricketts to close school no later than this Friday, March 20th, 2020 and be closed for two weeks. Cross County's last day will be tomorrow, Tuesday March 17th. A variety of factors were deliberated to determine what day to close. Cross County will then be closed starting Wednesday, March 18th through March 31st. ALL activities at Cross County during the two-week closure are canceled.

With the information that we have at this time, we currently plan to be open and have school on Wednesday, April 1st. Parents, please be aware that extended closing could occur past March 31st for up to 6-8 weeks based on mandates from Governor Ricketts.

We were also informed late this afternoon that for precautionary purposes, the entire state of Colorado is now in the self-quarantine determination versus the four counties that were identified this morning. They informed us they are doing this to simplify planning. From what we have been told by the health department, students and staff that were not in the 4 counties originally mentioned are at very low risk. But at this time, all students and staff that visited Colorado over spring break or over the past 14 days now need to stay home tomorrow, Tuesday March 17th.

We are also receiving guidance from the Nebraska Department of Education on how to best provide some education remotely to all students if we are closed for a lengthy period of time. We plan on developing a game plan for that and we will get that information out to students and parents as soon as we can.

We are facing an unprecedented challenge. I appreciate your patience with all the decisions that have had to be made regarding COVID-19.

Thank you for your support.

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