

March 16 Press Release Concerning School Closure

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IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: SOUTHEAST MISSOURI SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE PRECAUTIONARY CLOSURES

School leaders across southeast Missouri have collectively made the decision to close schools for more than two weeks to help prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Area superintendents have been working closely with local and state health officials to monitor the latest developments regarding COVID-19 and have determined the best way to help protect our communities at this time is by closing schools.

The closure will begin Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and will preliminarily end Friday, April 3, 2020. We will reevaluate a potential return date by April 3. All school activities, including athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, will be canceled during the time school is closed.

The health of our students, their families and our staff members continues to be our highest priority. We realize the important role schools play in the lives of our families, and are committed to finding ways to continue services that are essential to the health and nourishment of our students. Individual school districts will be in contact with their communities to provide additional information regarding ongoing learning plans, as well as services available for those in need.

Advance R-IV

Bernie

Bell City R-II

Bloomfield R-14

Bunker R-3

Cape Girardeau Public Schools

Chaffee

Clearwater R-1

Delta R-5

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Fredericktown R-1

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New Madrid County R-1

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