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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear KCS D Families,

The state of Kentucky is dealing with COVID-19 (the Coronavirus), as are many nationally and internationally. All public agencies are working hard to prevent the spread of the virus; however without therapies, medications, or a vaccine, methods to counteract it when it becomes serious are limited. As you know from our previous communication, our district has been following all measures as directed by the NKY Health Department and CDC. The Kenton County School District is now planning for additional contingencies.

Governor Andy Beshear, upon advice of many experts, has advised several measures to try to contain the virus, including limiting visitors to nursing homes, cancelling large gatherings (such as church services), and discouraging international and cruise travel. Experts are also concerned that if the virus spreads quickly our healthcare services will not have enough equipment, supplies, and people to meet patient needs. By practicing "social distancing", we will have an opportunity for our healthcare system to adequately catch up and slow down the outbreak of the virus. The Governor further advised that schools should be prepared to close (with a 72 hour warning) so Monday, March 16 would be the earliest that this would occur.

District staff are meeting to prepare for possible school closures in order to implement a 15 day School Closure Plan to include a Non-Traditional Instructional approach once approved by our Board of Education. For the first five days of the plan, the school district will utilize five built-in make up days in the school calendar; and for the next ten days, we will implement non-traditional instruction excluding any scheduled calendar breaks. The Non-Traditional Instructional Days will be school days at home for our students, with access to online learning as well as paper pencil assignments. Students will have the opportunity to correspond with their teachers and school staff. These days will count as regular school days and school staff will be facilitating instruction.

In the coming days, the district and your child's school will provide specific information on these Non-Traditional Instructional Days. KCS D will only close schools if recommended to do so by the Governor and/or local health officials. During this unprecedented time, KCS D will utilize non-traditional instruction as a means for the continuity of instruction. However, it is important to note that KCS D strongly values the importance of a quality education in the classroom setting with our outstanding professionals.

In closing, our thoughts are with those impacted by this virus and with all first responders and health officials who are providing outstanding service to our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Webb', is written over a horizontal line.

Henry Webb, Ed.D
Superintendent

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