



Dear Zumbro Education District Families,

3/15/20

Earlier today Governor Walz declared an Emergency Executive Order that all public schools be closed to students starting on Wednesday, March 18th thru Friday, March 27th. This is so all schools can prepare for long-distance learning opportunities, should there be future long-term closures due to the coronavirus outbreak. Due to the unique challenges that long-distance learning presents for our ZED students/programs and the potential for further long-term closures, **ZED will be closed additionally to students on Monday (3/16) and Tuesday (3/17) so staff have adequate time to prepare for these endeavors.**

ZED will be utilizing a long-distance learning plan that is both virtual and hands-on as we have the advantage of really individualizing our learning to match our student needs. In the coming week, staff from the school/program your child attends will be in touch to share the details of this, should there be extensive long-term closures beyond March 27th and a long-distance learning plan is needed.

We also realize that this presents a challenge, as many students rely on schools for their food needs during this statewide closure. All the resident districts in your local communities will offer meal opportunities during this long break. Continue to check with your local district's office or website; information will be shared as soon as it's known.

Also be aware that many internet providers will be offering free wi-fi services for 60 days if you have k-12 students in your household and don't already have a subscription. Please contact them to get signed up.

Charter Spectrum 1-844-488-8395

Comcast 1-800-934-6489

If you have specific questions regarding anything during these unique times please contact the appropriate site and we will problem-solve issues together.

ZED ALC/ Transition 2 Success 507-775-2083

ZED South Campus 507-775-2108

ZED Main Office 507-775-2037

These are truly challenging times and please know that the ZED staff always has your student's success at the forefront of every decision. Please reach out with any further questions or if we can assist you with your individual situation.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gordon

Executive Director

