



ETA Covid-19 Update

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Members,

It is important for you to know that ETA Leadership is engaged in conversations with the district wherever we can be with regards to the Governor closing schools in our State. It is very apparent the District is working hard to bring order to a large educational system in an unprecedented school shutdown to ensure safety for the U-46 Community as well as prepare our district for distance learning. This work has been ongoing since the decision to shut down schools and will continue until all things are in place.

Although we are in these discussions with the district, many decisions are informed by yet to be established rules made by Federal and State Governments and Agencies. Coordination between agencies and the district is continuous, fluid, and can impact the questions under consideration and decisions already made at the local level. This only heightens the need to be prudent in our processing of information and implementation of decisions. Frankly we all strive to make the best decisions based upon the information at hand and that information is always changing.

The district is also working with the other U46 unions to ensure their plans and work schedules as well. ETA has a meeting scheduled in the coming days to receive updates and be part of the ongoing conversation. I will share updates as they occur.

As the Superintendent's message stated, Monday you may enter your building to get any resources you will need in the future but you need not report to work. If you do not need to go to your site, stay home and follow the recommendation from state and federal agencies regarding your actions during the coming days.

You do not need to create any lesson plans or send any information to parents at this time. As during any emergency day the prime communication channel is and should be the District on school related matters.

In the event that some type of or distance learning will become necessary in the future details and expectations will be communicated . **It is important that members check their district and personal emails daily for information from the district and the ETA regarding changes or directives. This is especially true over Spring Break in preparation for the resumption of teaching and learning after March 30.**

I appreciate the emails with the concerns and they will all be addressed in due

time as more information from the federal and state government come forward to the district and to ETA.

Be safe, we will get through this together, as always.

Barb Bettis
ETA President
