

At 11:30 today Governor Noem extended the time kids are to remain out of school to May 1st. As we expected this is going to be a marathon and not a sprint. So proud of how the staff has responded to the current situation and the steps they are taking to address the needs of our students. To all of our patrons, please continue to do your best to take care of yourselves and support your children to the greatest extent possible.

I know there will be a number of questions moving forward and you are welcome to email me at steve.benson@k12.sd.us if we do not have what you are looking for on our website.

To be clear **ALL** school related activities/events are postponed until further notice. This includes PROM. This is a very fluid situation right now as information changes daily. If it is possible to reschedule some of these in the future we will look to do so but I cannot promise that will be the case.

The Federal Government has waived all of the testing requirements for schools this year. This allows us focus on the essentials coursework and not worry about how we would have delivered those assessments.

We are well aware of the challenges and uncertainty that you are all facing right now. Take care of yourselves and your families and keep everything in the proper perspective

Mr. Benson