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Bell County School District Family,

As of today, thankfully we do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Bell County. On Friday, Governor Andy Beshear recommended that all Kentucky schools be closed through April 17, 2020. We will return to school on April 20, 2020 if conditions improve across the state. We will continually maintain communications with our state leaders and local health officials to stay informed of updates and new recommendations.

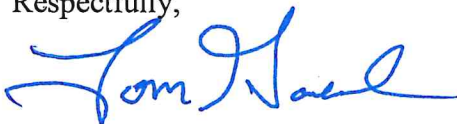
Our NTI process has proven to be successful so far and participation seems to be very high. Our teachers are working to produce packets 11-20 and those will be available on Monday April 6, 2020. Packets 11-20 will be available electronically, for pick-up at your school and/or via bus delivery with meals. Please contact your child's school if you haven't received your packet or have not been contacted by your child's school by Tuesday, April 7, 2020. We will make every effort to make sure every student has his/her assignments.

The collection of NTI packets 1-10 will be a large task. We would like for you to return your child's work to the school and place it in a box that will be provided in the school's lobby/vestibule beginning Friday March 27, 2020. This method will be the safest for you and our staff. For those who are unable to drop it off at your child's school we will have a box on our feeding bus routes. Please make sure that all of your child's information is included on the work, as some of our routes cover more than one school area.

We will not be feeding on the week of spring break, March 30-April 3, 2020. Our employees have worked very hard and will get a well deserved break. Both Pineville and Middlesboro have a different spring break than we do so they will have feeding available to our students when our personnel are on spring break. Those districts won't deliver on our current routes, but they will gladly serve your children if you can provide transportation to their delivery sites. We intend to resume feeding on April 6, 2020 and will also feed Middlesboro and Pineville students while they are observing their spring break.

I have been so pleased with all of the hard work our employees have given to make sure our children have not only their education continue, but also feeding our students during this extended period off. I am very proud to be a part of this school district and county.

Respectfully,



Tom Gambrel
Acting Superintendent

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