Dear Crestview families,

As we prepare to turn the calendar to May, I know you are anxious for information regarding plans for our extended learning time. With the coronavirus shifting much of our normal practice, I want to provide you an update while also reminding you that all plans remain subject to change based on the guidance of local public health experts. The health and wellness of our school community continues to be a top priority.

With that being said, Crestview families should continue to plan for additional days of instruction throughout June and July. Based on the recommendations from the Clay County Health Department, classes will remain virtual in nature throughout the month of June with students working online with their teachers. For July, we remain hopeful that buildings can reopen and Crestview can welcome students back for face-to-face instruction. Again, our ability to hold in-person classes will depend on the recommendation of public health officials. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized.

On May 19, the Board of Education will be asked to adjust the extended calendar, changing the start and end date of our summer schedule. Please note that, if approved, our academic calendar will be June 3-26 and July 13-31. This moves our start date a week earlier than originally planned while also completing our extended learning time by the end of July. This new schedule allows for 33 days of teaching and learning while also preserving breaks: a week and a half from May 22-June 3, a two week break around the Fourth of July holiday and three full weeks in August. Classes would resume on August 24.

Important highlights of the 2020 extended learning plan are:

- Incoming kindergarten students will not start school in June due to the inability to open our school building. Their first day of school will be delayed until the July 13-31 session.

- This year’s (2019-2020) kindergarten through 4th grade students will remain in their current grade level and receive instruction from their current teacher for the month of June while we maintain our e-Learning environment. It is hoped this familiar relationship will aid learning while we plan to be face-to-face in July. With a return to the building, and given an opportunity to meet their new teacher, students would then be promoted to the next grade level for a three week session (July 13-31).

- We’re excited that our current 5th graders will remain part of the Crestview family for a little while longer! As we work to ensure students are fully prepared for success beyond our elementary school, their e-Learning experience will be extended into the month of June where they will continue online instruction with their current teacher and classmates.
- The final day for 5th grade for the 2019-2020 school year will be June 26th. Plans are also being developed for possible educational opportunities in July at Eastgate 6th Grade Center for additional summer learning opportunities and helping students transition to a new building.

Like most of you, we are eager for students and teachers to fill the classrooms and hallways at Crestview. The smiling faces and happy laughs of our school family are greatly missed. Diligent work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that return is safe for all and that we continue to provide the utmost care for our learning community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 816-321-5070 or email me at Deyrle.Wallace@nkcschools.org

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding!

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