

3-16-20

Dear Quest Families,

In an effort to help our state and nation combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Inslee has closed both public and private schools through April 24, 2020. Longview Public Schools will be closed starting Monday, March 16, which means Quest Academy will also be closed to students during this time.

We take any decision to close schools very seriously, and recognize that closures can pose hardships for families and disrupt children's education. With that said, it is always our goal to keep students and their families healthy and safe and we understand the reasons behind the Governor's action.

Retrieval of Essential Items

We recognize students may have left items on campus. If your student has an essential item at Quest, please reach out to his/her teacher regarding the item. Nurse Kathy and Mae will be calling families regarding any medications we have on campus so families can arrange to pick up essential medication.

The Coming Weeks

Over the next five weeks, we will continue to deep clean our building and staff will be working on professional development activities and planning for when students return.

Below you will find a link to an article titled Talk-To-Kids-about-the-Coronavirus. We encourage you to read the article and explore the numerous resources found at the Child Mind Institute, which can support discussions on this topic. <https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

Additionally, we encourage you to find activities for your youth to participate in that do not involve technology. All of the students at Quest struggle with impulse control, making technology and access to the internet a very tempting and potentially dangerous environment for our youth. It is important for them to find balance in other healthy activities and your support in this effort is very helpful.

Below is additional information that may be of interest to you:

- All state testing has been cancelled
- The state is not currently looking at extending the school year
- All meetings scheduled through April 27th are cancelled
- The workshop and dinner with Dr. Sampson, scheduled for Thursday, April 16, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 29, with dinner at 5:30 p.m., with the workshop starting just after 6:00 p.m. Of course, if the situation changes, we will notify you.
- You can reach any of our staff via email if you need us. My email is sara.paul@esd112.org. Staff emails are simply the staff's firstname.lastname@esd112.org.
- Please reach out to your neighborhood sending school regarding school breakfast and lunch offering. If you have a food need that is not being met via your student's sending school, please send your student's teacher an email or call the front office at Quest.



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We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this unprecedented time together. We will remain in contact and communicate information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara D. Paul".

Sara D. Paul, Ed.D