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Ralls County R-II Families,

I am contacting you to share information about our plan to wrap up the 2019-2020 school year and to share dates for rescheduled events. I hope all of our families are healthy and able to find some positive aspects of our extended closure, social distancing and stay at home recommendations.

As May approaches, our administration team along with faculty have developed a plan to wrap up the school year for everyone. We will be fully staffed at our school buildings on the following dates:

Thursday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 15th from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

During these dates, RCE pick up and drop off of items will occur at the bus loop doors and Mark Twain students may return to our buildings to collect personal belongings in lockers and locker rooms, return their assignments to teachers, return library books and textbooks, return borrowed band instruments, pay meal account bills & high school class dues and return the chromebook & charger if they checked one out in March at the time the extended closure began. Social distancing regulations must be followed as you travel through the buildings and classrooms.

The Ralls County R-II Board of Education established the following traditional events for rescheduling: Fifth Grade Tea, Prom, Senior Graduation, and Eighth Grade Promotion. The following celebrations have been rescheduled, so please SAVE THE DATES:

July 15th- Senior Graduation Practice & Lunch 11:00 a.m. MTHS Gymnasium

July 15th- Fifth Grade Tea 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Elementary Gymnasium

July 16th- Prom 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Rialto Event Center (Hannibal)

July 19th- Senior Graduation 2:00 p.m. MTHS Gymnasium

(seniors arrive by NOON for group and individual photos)

August 19th- Eighth Grade Promotion 6:30 p.m. MTJH Multipurpose Gym

I know the date changes may present challenges to some, but the originally scheduled dates in May will not permit large group gatherings. I am hopeful by sharing these dates early, arrangements can be made for

students to fully enjoy these events and create lasting memories. The COVID19 regulations are ever changing and I am not 100% positive these events can occur in their traditional method even on the new dates, but we must start somewhere and move forward with planning the student celebrations. Regulations at the event time may limit the group size. We may have to modify our guest numbers and only allow parents and no additional family members and friends. We may be forced to cancel and reschedule to a later date. At this time, we are scheduling the above events and ask for your patience as the remaining details are planned in the next several weeks.

We are in discussions about summer school and the start of the 2020-2021 school year. At this time many details are uncertain. We are awaiting the reveal of COVID19 regulations and recommendations before we proceed. Today, Governor Parson announced the reopening of Missouri which will allow previously closed businesses to reopen May 4th. Social distancing and hygiene regulations will still remain in place through the end of May. Later in May, the status of Missouri and our country will be reviewed.

There are many unknowns at this time. Your support is very much appreciated. Ralls County R-II parents are to be commended for their patience, students for their flexibility and our faculty for their resiliency to change instruction and teaching methods so quickly. It's a great time to be a TIGER!

Sincerely,
Tara Lewis, Ed.D.
Superintendent