

March 20, 2020

Dear USD 345 Parents/Guardians,

As you all know, the decision to close school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year does not end our year of learning for our children. We will rise to the challenge of truly providing “Learning Without Limits” during this unprecedented time and we are looking forward to partnering with our families as we experience this new form of learning. As we navigate these uncharted waters together, I ask all of us to have grace and patience for each other while keeping the best interests of our students in mind.

We know there are many questions on what continuous learning will look like in our district. On Wednesday, March 25, you will receive the district’s continuous learning plan. This plan will be guidance for USD 345 educators to meet the immediate need of supporting learning outside of our normal practices. Your principal(s) are available at your school(s) to answer questions about the continuous learning plan for your child(ren). Please contact your principal(s) during the week of March 23, if needed. Instruction from our teachers is set to begin on Monday, March 30. Once instruction begins for your child(ren) March 30, your first point of contact for questions would be your teacher(s) just like normal school.

On March 19, the USD 345 Board of Education held a special meeting to discuss and take action on items related to the COVID-19 school closure. You can watch the [special board meeting](#) here for more information.

To quickly recap, the board approved the release of school lunch refunds upon request. Parents should call 785-575-8650 if they would like to request a refund on their remaining school lunch balance.

The board also voted to reduce the credits required for graduation from 25 to 21, for the class of 2020. Graduation requirements will be modified to follow the state’s minimum requirements for this school year. [Click here to view the KSDE requirements in comparison to Seaman High School.](#)

The board also approved the district to submit a waiver that will allow USD 345 to reduce the required school hours and provide continuous learning. This waiver will allow USD 345 to keep our scheduled last day of school as May 20, 2020.

### **Technology**

If you have not filled out the [district technology/internet access survey](#), please take a few moments to do so. We will be working closely with families to meet their needs, as continuous learning takes place.

### **FAQs**

[Click here to view our FAQ page.](#) We are still accepting submissions, and will answer as best we can and in a timely manner, to help keep our staff, students, families, and community updated with news around the COVID-19 school closure.

### **Lunches**

Effective Monday, March 23rd, grab-and-go lunches will be available at Logan Elementary School and Seaman Middle School, M-F, from 11-noon. Child(ren) must be present to receive lunch. We have also put together a list of additional food resources around our community. [Click here to view.](#)

Please stay abreast of the latest information on the [CDC](#) and newly launched [KDHE COVID-19 website](#), and of course, we are placing all public notifications on our [Seaman Schools Coronavirus Page](#). We continue to stay in close contact with public health officials as we respond to this ever-changing situation.

Our top concern is the health of our students, their families, our staff, and community. We're looking forward to partnering with families more than ever, as we navigate this new opportunity for continuous learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble  
Superintendent of Schools  
Seaman USD 345