

May 1, 2020

To all USD 345 staff and families:

On May 4, 2020, Governor Laura Kelly will lift the statewide “Safer at Home” order and allow Kansas communities to begin a phased reopening by following the [Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas](#).

I would like to take a few moments of your time to provide information on how this recent news relates to the Seaman School District.

Regarding district operations and facilities, there will be no immediate changes. Facilities will remain closed and continuous learning will remain in effect until the end of the school year. We anticipate more information and guidance to be released by the Shawnee County Health Department that will help us plan for events and activities that are scheduled to begin after the school year is over. Potential activities and programs that may be affected by local health department restrictions include: summer camps, driver’s education, summer school, Boys and Girls Club, etc.

We will continue to monitor and keep you informed once we know more. Protecting the safety and health of our students, staff, and community continues to be our top priority as final decisions are made about summer programming. I remain hopeful we will have some semblance of summer programming and camps available for our students beginning with the priority of an Extended School Year (ESY) for our students with disabilities.

I would also like to thank you for taking the time to complete the continuous learning survey from last week. We had a tremendous response. Your support and constructive feedback is critical to us as we review this new method of instruction. Your grace, empathy, and hard work in connecting with each other during this time away from traditional school is evident and I look forward to sharing our findings very soon.

Enjoy this beautiful evening as we celebrate our seniors with the first of three Friday night #BeTheLight commemorative events. All stadium lights at the Seaman High School / Optimist Club facilities will be illuminated beginning at 8:20 pm for 20 minutes. Remember to please refrain from congregating around the schools but a drive by would be welcomed. Also, don’t forget to participate from home by lighting your front porch light.

Please continue to check the [coronavirus resource page](#) for updated information, as we remain committed to keeping you all informed. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to keep our community healthy and safe. We all remain #SeamanStrong as we all stay true to our vision of #LearningWithoutLimits in USD 345.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble  
Superintendent