

Coronavirus Update 3-31-20

Dear Lower Brule School Community,

I want to thank Lower Brule Schools Staff for their continued dedication and commitment to making a stressful situation productive and supportive for the students of our Kul Wicasa Oyate. Below are some updates and highlights.

Education:

Elementary School and Middle School Teachers will continue to produce supplemental educational materials during this time and communicate with students' parents/guardians with this material. At this time, we are asking that students keep materials with them and not return these materials until further notice.

High School Teachers will be following up with individual plans for students to ensure students complete credits and for Seniors to continue to meet their graduation requirements.

We are still awaiting word from the State (Governor's Office, SD DOE) and Federal (BIE) officials on what the remainder of our academic year will resemble related to contact hours and days. I will keep you posted as the information is received.

Sack Lunches:

I want to thank our staff for putting together and delivering, on average, 425 sack lunches a day.

We will continue with the sack lunch program this week, Monday - Friday. This sack lunch closure program is similar to our Summer Foods Program. All 18 years old and younger are eligible, including all children residing in Lower Brule, regardless of what school they attend. Lunches will be delivered throughout the Lower Brule Community from 11 AM – 1 PM.

Today, 3/31/20 – Community Clean-Up – We will be handing out garbage bags and gloves to families to pick up garbage in and around your location. Solid Waste will pick up bags of trash from your home today and tomorrow. Thank you for helping us keep our community clean.

Communication:

Lower Brule Schools will continue to communicate information through our emergency messenger, Lower Brule Schools – Facebook page, and teachers are developing Google classrooms, Facebook groups, by phone, and email.

School Buildings:

Buildings will continue to be closed to the community. If you need access to the buildings, please contact the administration.

Health and Well-being:

Please monitor your students and self-monitor. If you need emotional support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school. Please stay safe and protect yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

How to Protect Yourself | CDC

Know how coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads and take steps to protect yourself and others. Avoid close contact, clean your hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, stay home if you're sick, and know how to clean and disinfect.

www.cdc.gov

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support during this unprecedented situation. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

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