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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we continue to deal with the serious implications of COVID-19, we find ourselves with more questions than answers, more fears and frustrations. It is imperative that each of us works to balance our daily lives with following the critical recommendations of our state and federal officials so that we can start to turn the corner and move slowly back toward normalcy.

At this time, West Branch remains closed. We await further directive from state officials as to when we might reopen. School personnel, students and the community are prohibited from entering school facilities. A limited number of staff are permitted to perform essential functions while complying with directives regarding social distancing and grouping. This small group of administrators, office staff, cafeteria staff and custodians are working very hard to keep our business running while preparing our facilities for our reopening and providing meal services for our community's children.

In regard to our Feeding Program, we will be altering our schedule starting next Monday, March 23rd to better accommodate our families. We realize that our current distribution schedule requires significant time and gas for many of our families needing to travel a distance to the school. Therefore, we will be shifting to two (2) distributions starting next week as follows:

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Three Lunches - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Three Breakfasts - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Four Lunches - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Four Breakfasts - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday

As you look to spend at least one more week at home with your children, we wanted to provide you with some educational activities that you might choose to use to fill the time. Below you will find a number of links to various activities covering a multitude of grades and subjects. Any use of these activities is purely optional on your part and will not be used to meet formal instruction requirements. If it is determined that we need to be out beyond the two-week period, we will provide additional educational information as is warranted.

I. Diagnostic/Instructional Tools (District Purchased) - students have logins

<https://cainc.i-ready.com/> - K – 8 - iReady Student Log-in thru West Branch account – ELA & Math

<https://www.ixl.com/resources/at-home-learning> - Math & ELA – PreK - 12

II. Various Resources (Mini Lessons, Videos, Teaching Points) - free or free trial

<https://stemecosystems.org/covid19-resource-library/> - PreK – 12 – Various areas

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html> - PreK - 12 - Science

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> - PreK – 12 - Science & Social Studies

<https://www.funbrain.com/> - 1 – 8 – Math & Reading

<https://www.starfall.com/h/index.php> - PreK - 3 – Math/ELA/Seasons

<https://www.brainpop.com/> - K – 8 – various areas

<http://wonderopolis.org/> - K – 12 – Science & Geography

<https://www.phonicshero.com/> - PreK – 3 - Phonics

<https://www.timeforkids.com/> - K – 6 – Health/Business/Community

<https://www.switchzoo.com/> - K – 6 - Science

Please trust that I continue to do my best to keep everyone informed as new and additional information is received. I know you will continue to have questions and Administration will work to keep you updated.

Thank you, stay safe, and know that we will move beyond this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Michelle Dutrow

Superintendent of Schools