

April 22, 2020

Dear Gilpin School Community,

Governor Jared Polis extended the suspension of in-person learning in public and private schools across the state beyond April 30 through the end of the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although the Governor had stated a number of times over the last 4 weeks that it would be unlikely that students and staff would return to the school building this school year, over 160 of the 178 Colorado school districts waited for the Governor's order to suspend in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. He made the announcement yesterday.

One reason so many school districts waited for the Governor's decision was the hope that there may have been a possibility that a graduation ceremony could be held in-person in some way so we could celebrate the Class of 2020. And, the hope that all students and staff may have had some type of in-person closure in the school building to end the school year before summer break. Neither will occur during this school year. The social distancing and gatherings of less than 10 people order will likely stay in effect for June and July.

With in-person learning suspended through the end of the school year, remote distance learning will continue through the end of the semester on May 28, 2020.

On Monday, April 27, 2020, we will provide families the opportunity to come to the school to pick up any items they may have left at the school such as supplies, medication, and technology from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Mr. Rothenberger if you have a Chromebook issue, arothernberger@gilpin.k12.co.us prior to April 27. For additional assistance, contact your principal via email: hhuntoon@gilpin.k12.co.us or adonaldson@gilpin.k12.co.us

The main entrance is the entry point. Entry to the school will be limited to 10 or less people at one time. And, social distancing of 6 feet or more is required. A nose and mouth covering, for example, mask, bandana, or scarf must be worn on the face to enter the school building.

Thank you for your support with remote distance learning and your understanding during this school building closure time due to the pandemic.