

## Collinsville Cardinals "It's Good to be a Cardinal!"

March 30, 2018

Dear Cardinal students, families, and patrons,

This letter is to inform you of the district's decision to close school on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> due to a teacher walk-out regarding the restoration of consistent and positive funding from our state legislation after at least 10 years of cutbacks and reductions in State funding.

## Notes:

- Schools will not be open to the public on Monday, with the exceptions of our designated meal sites at the Middle School and Upper Elementary cafeterias from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m for Breakfast and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Lunch. These are "grab and go" style meals that are being provided free of charge for the students of our community.
- All extracurricular activities will go as scheduled. There is to be no practices, meetings, etc. during the regularly scheduled school day which has been designated from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. NOTE: This includes the Prom scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- In the event of further closed school day on Tuesday, we are still scheduling the administration of the ACT test to all Juniors at the High School from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Students need to bring a pencil for testing and a snack for break time.
- If we are closed on Wednesday as well, we will have the Junior Science testing at the High School from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Our staff is very grateful for the raises signed into law this past week. However, they have been consistent in their advocacy of restored funding for daily student life at our schools. For them, this is the current issue we are facing. Our hope is that this will be addressed legislatively with fully funded and fully finalized actions very soon. Our intention has and will always be to have school; however, we will only do so as long as we have it staffed at a safe and efficient level with our certified staff. With that in mind, we will have to make that determination on a day-to-day basis as the situation is very fluid and dynamic. Please check our website (<a href="www.collinsville.k12.ok.us">www.collinsville.k12.ok.us</a>), our community's website (<a href="www.cvilleok.com">www.cvilleok.com</a>), and / or follow our twitter account (Collinsville Schools@OKCardinalChirp) for the latest news. Also, we will use our School Messenger system to send out texts and emails regarding any developments.

As always, we appreciate your support are thankful for our community, students, parents, and patrons.

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Lance West Superintendent