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COVID-19 UPDATE OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 30, 2020 5:00 P.M. - Updated 4.6.2020

FROM SUPERINTENDENT MARCUS CHAMBERS

Following a statewide meeting this afternoon with the Commissioner of Education, I wanted to share with you that school closures across the state have been extended through **May 1st**, as we continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic in Florida and the nation. During this time, all district employees will continue to follow health precautions outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.com), and we urge our students and families to do the same.

As you know, Okaloosa County Schools began distance learning today, and we now know that this model will continue for at least another month, if not longer. It's a new environment for many, and we will experience some challenges in the first few days. Our teachers and staff are working tirelessly to support student and parent needs. Thank you for the patience that you have shown so far as the district works with you to support your child.

Food service will continue to be provided to all school age children for as long as schools remain closed. A list of meal sites and bus routes providing Grab and Go meals can be found below and on our website and social media. Based on additional flexibility granted at the state and federal levels, a parent may now pick up meals without the student present, if necessary.

Be safe, and thank you for all you do to support your child during these unprecedented times.

UPDATED FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

(New route information in red)

LOCATIONS

BAKER - Baker School

LAUREL HILL - Laurel Hill School

CRESTVIEW - Northwood Elementary, Riverside Elementary, Davidson Middle, Walker Elementary

NICEVILLE/VALP – **STEMM Academy (begins April 7)**, Plew Elementary

DESTIN - Destin Elementary

FORT WALTON BEACH - Wright Elementary, Mary Esther Elementary, Edwins Elementary, Shalimar Elementary, Elliott Point Elementary, Florosa Elementary

MEAL PICKUP TIMES AT SCHOOLS

Weekdays from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m.

ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX-120 LOWERY PLACE S.E.-FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA 32548
TELEPHONE (850) 833-3100 FAX (850) 833-3436

CARVER HILL ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX-461 W. SCHOOL AVENUE-CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA 32536
TELEPHONE (850) 689-7117 FAX (850) 689-7121

FOOD ROUTES

Locations and times of bus stops are attached and will be available on the district's website. Buses will remain at each stop for approximately 10 minutes. Information will be shared on the district's website, social media and through a parent callout.

OTHER INFORMATION

- State food service guidelines require the student to be present in order for meals to be distributed.
- When a parent arrives at a meal site, they will be able to receive up to two meals for the day for each student they bring to the site (breakfast and lunch).
- Students may pick up meals for themselves without a parent present.

FOOD ROUTES

<u>Time (A.M)</u>	<u>Location</u>
9:00	Eleanor Johnson Youth Center (Ed Brown Street)
9:20	Lovejoy & Blake Avenue
9:35	Heather Glenn Apartments
9:50	Mathis Lane & Judson Drive
8:20	Johnson Street (Wildwood Apartments)
9:00	Choctawhatchee High School (front parking lot in front of football stadium)
9:20	Pryor Middle School (bus ramp)
9:35	Racetrack Road & McFarlen Avenue (76 Gas Station)
9:55	North Beal Extension (Country Corner Store)
9:00	3831 New Ebenezer Road (First Baptist Church)
9:15	8429 Steel Mill Creek Road (First Assembly Church)
9:40	HWY 85 N (Helms Grocery – Crestview)
9:00	Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue (Hero Apartments)
9:15	Carver Hill Administration Building
9:45	Addison Place Apartments (Crestview)
9:00	County Road 2 (Blackman Volunteer Fire Department)
9:25	HWY 4 (Cotton Bridge Park)
9:45	HWY 4 (Milligan First Assembly of God)
10:05	US HWY 90 (First Baptist Church – Holt)
9:05	Range Road (Bluewater Community Church – parking lot)
9:20	Liveoak Road & Catmar Road (Park)

Bus will arrive at each stop for approximately 10 minutes at which time students can get both breakfast and lunch.