

## UPDATE 3/12/20 - School Closure

Thursday afternoon, Governor DeWine announced that he is closing all Ohio schools at the end of the school day on Monday, March 16 to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the coronavirus.

In Worthington Schools, we will hold a **STAFF ONLY day** on Monday for professional learning. Students will begin their three-week extended closure at the end of the day on Friday, March 13. Beginning Friday, March 13, all athletic and extracurricular activities, including practices, are canceled until Friday, April 3, when we will reevaluate.

The Worthington School District is currently scheduled for Spring Break April 6 - 10. Because we will be off for the three weeks before that, we will instead plan to be back in school April 6. We recognize some families may have trips planned over break that cannot be changed. If that's the case, we will work with you to excuse your students for your travel plans. More info will be forthcoming.

Like you, we are learning this information in real time as to how we are all to be affected and why these steps need to be taken. Right now, our collective job is to support the Governor and the needs that exist in order to "interrupt" further community spread.

Our district leaders are currently reviewing the state's order and proceeding with putting our crisis plan in place. We will continue to update you as we have information. Please monitor your email and the Worthington Schools' website for the latest updates.

While the direct threat of coronavirus for each of us individually is limited, it is important that the community takes measures to prevent its spread. Governor DeWine requested that we make decisions that are not only in our own best interest, but also in the best interest of our community! Stay home when possible, wash hands often and stay away from people who are sick.

Respectfully,

Trent Bowers  
Superintendent