

**Decorah Community School District**  
School Closure Update  
March 17, 2020



Good Afternoon,

Given Governor Reynolds' most recent [press release](#), we are cancelling the student personal belongings, and technology device pick-up day scheduled for tomorrow Wednesday, March 18, 2020. While we have a strong desire to serve our students and families, we do not want to run the risk of creating environments that put our employees, our students, or our community at risk.

We have been working on a case-by-case basis to make arrangements for pick-up with families who may have needed essentials such as medication, or assistive devices, that was left at school. If you have an essential item that might need to be retrieved from school this week, please contact the appropriate building principal via email or phone to make arrangements to pick those items up. Please be aware that, at this time, we do not view district tech devices, or school work to be essential. If circumstances change, we will reassess, and make new arrangements to have day when we are open for picking up non-essentials.

I do want to acknowledge the work our district Technology Team did over the past 24 hours to put us in a position to get technology out to students. We were deep in preparation, and about to send directions out to staff when the newest press release came out, and we had a change of plans. A huge thank you to Kurt DeVore, Shannon Quandahl, Lee Fullhart, and Theresa Stortz for your hard work.

Again, please be aware that our buildings will remain closed tomorrow, and for the foreseeable future. The student retrieval day scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled.

Stay safe, and thank you for your support of Decorah Schools.

Mark M. Lane, Superintendent of Schools