

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA
FROM: PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS, JASPER, GEORGIA
RE: SCHOOL CLOSURE

4-2-20

On Wednesday, Governor Brian Kemp announced closures of all K-12 school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This announcement also cancels nearly all school events scheduled to occur this spring at Pickens County Schools. Included are most special events, extracurricular activities and community leases of school facilities. Decisions about graduation have not yet been made.

All Pickens County School District buildings and worksites will remain on “hard lock-outs” until further notice. During the next few days, recommendations will be prepared by school officials for Board of Education consideration regarding operations and programming for the remainder of the school year. This will include completion of the academic year, grades and graduation. Online and remote learning will continue, although Spring Break (April 6-10) will be observed as scheduled with no online or remote instruction during the break.

Lunchroom workers and bus drivers will continue to prepare and deliver weekly non-perishable meals to children 18 years and younger, on a schedule of one or two days per week. Other local agencies will deliver meals during spring break. The school system has also partnered with community groups to provide students with fun activities to do at home in addition to their school work.

During this time of uncertainty, we want you to know that school and district leaders are working together to assess the needs of everyone. Our goal is to communicate a cohesive message to our staff as well as the families we serve. Devising a thorough, cohesive plan will take time and planning, so answers to many of your questions may not be available immediately. Our goal is to maintain our level of transparency with all stakeholders.

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