



DIVISION OF State Schools

Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Dr. Kenney Moore
State Schools Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 13, 2020
TO: Parents/Guardians/Local Education Agencies
FROM: Dr. Kenney Moore, State Schools Director
RE: State Schools Closure - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

My staff have been committed to keeping our communities updated about the rapidly developing situation with COVID-19. Throughout the process, we have relied on the guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the County Board of Health, and the Georgia Department of Education. Yesterday, Governor Kemp communicated the following, "Given the rise of the coronavirus, I am going to issue a call to action. If local communities feel it is prudent, you should consider closing day cares and schools as early as tomorrow through the next two weeks."

As a result, I in collaboration with my Central Office staff and school leaders have made the decision to close the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, the Georgia Academy for the Blind, the Georgia School for the Deaf, the Smokey Center for Assistive Technology, the Georgia Parent Infant Network for Educational Services, and the CVI Pre-K Collaborative Class starting on Monday, March 16, 2020. The schools and programs will be closed for at least two (2) weeks. No staff members will be on campus unless additional information is sent home in the future stating otherwise.

Teachers will inform students about accessing assignments virtually and submitting completed assignments. You can ask your child at anytime to see any communications between school staff and your child. Your child's teacher will let your child know how to submit completed assignments to him or her. Parents/guardians will not have to pay for any costs related to submitting completed assignments to school staff.

As of now, our schools and programs are scheduled to reopen on March 30, 2020, unless school leaders notify parents, guardians, and local education agencies that the reopen date has changed. All school related events, including but not limited to, athletic activities, meetings, and trips are cancelled until further notice.

Your child's school leader will give you his or her contact information. I can be reached at kemoore@doe.k12.ga.us, 404-656-7552 (office number), or 404-558-3863 (office cell phone number). Ms. Jan Stevenson, State Schools Assistant Director, can be reached at jstevenson@doe.k12.ga.us or 404-232-1503 (office number).

I hope that you and your families stay healthy and safe, and I know I speak for all of my staff when I say that I am truly looking forward to seeing your children again in a couple of weeks!