



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear YCSD families and staff,

We know our families, staff and students have had many questions regarding how the state-mandated school closing will affect the remainder of our school year. At this time, no adjustments to the school calendars are being made, as guidance related to COVID-19 from state and national agencies is coming out daily.

Division staff have been in constant communication with the Virginia Department of Education. Today, the state superintendent shared that VDOE will seek maximum flexibility for schools and students to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, including relief from federal and state requirements related to testing. Dr. Lane has also directed VDOE staff to review state laws and regulations related to state graduation requirements to determine what steps must be taken to ensure that seniors will graduate regardless of school closings. You can view the full VDOE news release [online](#).

The School Board will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the School Board Office, located at 302 Dare Road. While this meeting is open to the public, attendance will be limited to the federal guidance related to gatherings of no more than 10 individuals.

We will continue to provide you updates as information becomes available. Questions can be sent to askYCSD@ycsd.york.va.us, with answers posted on the division [website](#).

Sincerely,

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