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**Dr. Dana Fall, Superintendent**

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## **IMPORTANT COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Employees and Community,

I want to take a moment and thank all of our staff, parents, and community members for doing an impeccable job helping to prepare our District for an extended closure. I am truly thankful for every helping hand during this process and the continued assistance in place for the coming days and weeks. That being said, the health and safety of all of our students and staff continues to be our first priority in the wake of the evolving situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) in South Carolina. It is our next priority in this process to continue to protect our employees by following the recommended CDC guidelines on limiting our public exposure.

Beginning Monday, March 23, Cherokee County School District (District Office and School Locations) will be closed to the public and operating with essential personnel only. The Spring Break holiday will be observed April 6-April 10; during this time our district office and school locations will be fully closed. We have put many measures in place to assist you with any urgent needs. The list below provides specific contact information should you need assistance during our closure. Please be mindful of our process and the instructions provided.

The District Office will be closed to the public for the closure duration beginning on March 23. We will be responding to voicemails and utilizing email for communication. District office employees will be available, but will also be operating on a modified schedule. The following are the District level contacts (voicemail) by department:

- **District Office Main Number** – 864-206-2201
- **Department of Curriculum and Instruction** – 864-206-2202
- **Department of Finance** – 864-206-2224
- **Department of Human Resources** – 864-206-2210
- **Department of Student Services** – 864-206-2255

As mentioned above, our school buildings will also be closed to the public starting March 23. Teachers have provided their contact information and virtual hours of operation through the Distance Learning process. Please contact the school location directly for any further assistance for Distance Learning or school level needs. Our principals are accessible and will be able to respond to your requests.

### **Technology Help Desk Voicemail System – 864-206-2299**

**Technology Assistance - Our technology department will be at the following locations:**

- **Gaffney High School**                      March 24 and 26 (Tuesday & Thursday) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Blacksburg High School**                March 24 and 26 (Tuesday & Thursday) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Food Service Operations**

**Beginning Monday, March 23, Food Service meals will only be available for multiple meal pick-up on Monday and Thursday each week moving forward at the following school locations:**

- **Blacksburg High School** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Gaffney High School** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Gaffney Middle School** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Northwest Elementary School** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**\*\*Food Service meals will not be available the week of Spring Break – April 6 – April 10**

We will continue to provide you with updates in a timely manner using our AlertNow system, our website, and our social media channels. Under the order of Governor McMaster's directive, we will not be resuming our school schedule outside of his order. Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this challenging time. The safety and the wellbeing of our students and staff are always our first priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dr. Dana Fall  
Superintendent