

Good Evening. This is Doug Reisig, Superintendent of Hellgate Elementary

I have some important information to share with you this evening.

As you may be aware, the Governor Bullock cancelled school for all of Montana's K-12 public school students through Friday, March 27th. As such, we will not have any students on campus next week.

However, over 500 of our students qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch and nutritionally rely on those meals on a daily basis. As such, the school district has devised a plan to provide breakfast and lunch to our free/reduced meal children who are in need.

In cooperation with Hellgate Transportation and the Hellgate Elementary Food Service, we will be delivering meals to the homes of our students who qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch. We will deliver the breakfast in the morning, beginning at 8:30 am and the delivering the lunch, beginning at 11:30 am. The deliveries will be made to the primary address listed in the school district's Infinite Campus student information system.

Hopefully, at least Monday through Friday, our at-risk students will be receiving two meals per day. I am sorry that I cannot customize these meals to each child's individual favorite meal. But, I am simply going to have to be global in what is provided.

With the current economic downturn due to the Coronavirus, I know that many of our school district residents are losing, or will lose, their jobs. To possibly help you and your family, I encourage you to check out the school district website to access the free/reduced lunch application form, complete the form, and return it to the school district. If you need help with the form, call us at 532-4025. You may qualify based on your new family economic condition and my goal is to feed as many at-risk children as possible.

Please keep in mind, that all of the meals the school district delivers during the school shutdown will be at no charge to the parent. Again, all meals delivered will be at no charge to the parents of the children receiving the meals. I will figure out a way to pay for the meals.

I will be sending out more telephone and email notices on other educational topics as the days go by so, stay tuned.

Thank you. Stay safe and healthy!