



RACELAND-WORTHINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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Dear Raceland Parents and Community,

This evening, at an emergency special board meeting, the Raceland-Worthington Independent Board of Education will review and approve Non-Traditional Instruction days at the recommendation of the Kentucky Department of Education.

The Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Program encourages the continuation of academic instruction on days when school would otherwise be cancelled. While we have been hesitant in the past to request these NTI days from the Kentucky Dept. of Education because we value face to face instruction, recent events regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus have forced us to seek a waiver concerning NTI days. ***NTI Days are considered instructional days, and we will need help from parents to set the expectations that learning will continue to occur.***

In the event that Governor Beshear recommends school closures, NTI Days will be used to continue education of our students. Our leadership team has been working to develop an NTI plan for age-appropriate instruction for all students. Raceland Schools and their staff will be equipped to handle such closures. Our 1:1 Chromebook initiative will allow students to continue learning on a digital platform. If school closures are recommended, we are prepared to send home these devices to our students, and school administration are readying accommodations for students who do not have internet access at home. Learning at the elementary level will be done with packets. Our teachers are working hard to implement this NTI Program. We are blessed with great teachers and I am confident they will be up to the task.

Teachers and staff will be present in the buildings during these NTI days. Teachers will be engaging and communicating with students and/or parents via email and other digital methods during these NTI Days.

Because of our 1:1 Technology initiative and our small-school community, we are prepared to rise to this unprecedented crisis. We will implore our staff to communicate frequently with each of our parents/students, and we ask that as parents of these great students, you help us by setting the expectation that we will continue to learn.

One important element in the event of school closures is the need to provide resources and food to our students who are in need. Our FRYSC Coordinator and Food Service team are developing programs to help provide necessary food and resources for students. Further information regarding this will follow in the event of school closures.

One last item of note, Friday, March 13th is a regularly scheduled no-school day for students. If there are any future questions from our parents or community, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Larry Coldiron
Superintendent
