## COVID-19 USD 353 UPDATE // 03.17.20 An update from USD 353 Superintendent Adam Hatfield

The Governor of Kansas has announced regularly scheduled school facility operations will be suspended for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Schools will still be able to provide continued educational services but will have to be creative in the way we do this while still following the health guidelines for schools set by KSDE, KDHE, and the CDC. In order to plan for this, USD 353 will remain closed for all student services next week, March 23-27. USD 353 staff will be notified how to proceed in the coming days by the district in order to prepare for future student services.

A group of Teachers, Principals, and Superintendents are currently working hard on behalf of KSDE to provide recommendations to Kansas schools. We will be meeting as a district and use those recommendations to create a plan that best fits the interest of our students and our community. Throughout this planning process, we will keep the health and safety of our students, staff, and community in the forefront of our minds. We are aware that there will be many questions and we will release more information as our plans for the future develop. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding while we plan for the future.

Thank you,

Adam Hatfield Superintendent USD 353- Wellington, KS