



# SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On March 23, 2020, Governor Northam announced that Virginia K-12 schools will remain closed for all students for the remainder of the school year. The COVID-19 issue is a serious and continually changing situation. Southampton County Public School Division teachers, administrators, and staff have been working diligently to provide meals for students and provide a continuum of learning. Our plans and lessons were based on a two-week closure where student work was to revisit learned concepts and skills.

With the announcement on Monday, March 23, 2020, we began transitioning from a short-term closure to developing long-term plans for students and employees. The direction given by the Governor was multi-faceted and school divisions will be receiving guidance from the Virginia Department of Education. We will continue to provide information to parents, students, and staff through multiple communication formats.

While this is a critical time, we will work together to provide our students with a quality educational experience during the closure. The health, safety, and well-being of our community is our first priority. Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Gwendolyn Shannon, Ph.D.  
Division Superintendent

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