

# Axtell Community School

*Rob Gregory, Superintendent*  
*Jeffrey C. Schwartz, Principal*

## Community of Axtell

By now I'm sure everybody knows that Axtell Community School has closed its doors until March 27, 2020 due to the Coronavirus. We are very hopeful that we can reopen our doors and continue to provide our usual quality education to our students and serve our community. The administration will reevaluate the COVID 19 situation on a daily basis and will communicate to our patrons the status of our school opening on two week increments. We will continue to communicate through our School Messenger phone system, Twitter, Facebook, and other social media. Please check those internet sites a few times a week. The decision to shut down is never easy, the school board and administration felt it necessary to protect those individuals who are most vulnerable to the virus and to slow the spread of the virus within the community of Axtell. At this time, we have no positive tests within our Educational Service Unit Region.

Axtell Community School is communicating almost daily with the Nebraska Department of Education and following closely the recommendations of Governor Pete Ricketts. We will continue to follow the mandates of Governor Ricketts and Commissioner Matt Blomstedt. At this time the doors of Axtell Community School are closed as our janitorial staff will take this opportunity to deep clean and disinfect our facilities. If anybody needs access to the school, you must phone ahead at 743-2415 to receive permission. Our school hours will vary from day to day as it is recommended to employees to work from home as much as possible. If nobody answers the phone, please try again another time.

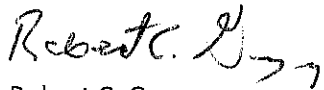
Axtell School will be offering a lunch program during the Coronavirus school closure. We will be fixing sack lunches with breakfast items as well which will include enough for a couple of days. The price will be the cost of your regular daily school lunch. These meals will be prepared on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All lunch participants must complete the on-line form every time you would like a lunch sack for each individual child that needs one. These sack lunches can be picked up outside of the main school entrance at 11:30 AM on the above-mentioned days. If you have questions, please email Andrea Runge at [andrea.runge@axtellwildcats.org](mailto:andrea.runge@axtellwildcats.org)

Mr. Schwartz and I are currently working out the details needed to offer a curriculum enrichment program during an extended school closure. The Nebraska Department of Education will be releasing the legal procedures that school districts must follow to fulfill the educational needs of all our students currently enrolled. The Axtell Community School details for this curriculum enrichment program will be released as soon as the certified staff have finalized the details in the near future. Mr. Schwartz will be contacting everybody through the School Messenger phone system once staff is prepared to educate on-line. Each student will be responsible for communicating with all their individual teachers during this process. If we are allowed to offer this program, each teacher will vary in their presentation of

curriculum materials. We may use various modes of instruction such as Schoology, Zoom, Google Hangout, email, or if needed through the U.S. Postal System. More details on this program will be provided in the near future.

This is an unprecedented event. No one has the answers to everything you may have questions about. We are dealing with a situation that none of us have ever experienced before. Rest assured, Mr. Schwartz and I are making decisions based on the advice of numerous agencies within our state such as Two Rivers Health and the Nebraska Department of Health, along with the state government agencies I mentioned earlier. We will make every effort to meet the educational needs of all the students we serve. We will do our best to protect the health and safety of not only our students and staff but the community as well. We ask everyone to remain flexible and understanding through the next couple of weeks and possibly months.

Educationally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Gregory". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

Robert C. Gregory

Superintendent

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