Coronavirus Update for March 23, 2020

Governor Roy Cooper announced today that schools will remain closed until May 15. The governor said this decision was made with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to reduce the spread of Coronavirus.

Although school buildings are closed, learning can and will continue in Union County Public Schools.

On Friday, UCPS released its phased-in COVID-19 Response Learning Plan. This plan will help guide remote learning opportunities during this school closure.

Here is how UCPS will move forward this week:

- Later this week, staff is prepared to roll out tentative remote learning schedules for middle and high school students. (Start dates: March 30 for high schools and April 1 for middle schools).
- Staff and senior leaders continue to lean on the state for guidance as we move forward with remote learning opportunities for students.
- As a reminder, elementary students were provided supplemental printed materials to support student learning at home for three weeks. Staff is discussing remote learning options for elementary students. As decisions are made, information will be shared.
- Digital resources are available through the EmpowerED Family Portal for all grade levels.

UCPS will review the details of the Governor’s new executive order and adhere to any guidelines that will impact students and staff. Our teams are continuing to meet daily with local and state health and education officials to get answers to many of your questions.

Our staff is committed to providing quality remote learning opportunities. Teachers will be available to provide support and offer assistance during this time. More information will be provided as decisions are made and senior leaders receive guidance from the state.

We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation as school staff and administrators navigate through this exceptional time in our nation and state.