

March 17, 2020**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****GOVERNOR KEMP ORDERS SCHOOL CLOSURES
THROUGH END OF MARCH, 2020**

Athens, Georgia — On March 16, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp ordered the closure of all public elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools in Georgia through March 31, 2020.

During the period of school closure, the Clarke County School District will continue to work to offer free meals to students. Currently, a drive-thru option is available weekdays at Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary and Hilsman Middle from 8:00 a.m. till noon, and deliveries made to select communities via school bus routes. Details are available on the district website at www.clarke.k12.ga.us.

District student support staff, including counselors, social workers, nurses, and psychologists, are available to parents/guardians for phone and/or email consultation. Contact information for support staff is located on individual school websites.

In addition, medical resources are available to students and staff. The Hilsman Health Center, located at Hilsman Middle School, will be open to serve all CCSD students and staff and school nursing staff available via phone and email to answer questions from parents/guardians. Details are available on the district website at www.clarke.k12.ga.us.

School principals will communicate directly to parents/guardians regarding distance learning plans for students.

Updates will be provided through the district's parent portal, website at www.clarke.k12.ga.us, and through social media platforms.

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