



## A Message from the West Virginia Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch

The novel Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in our country and in our state requires our serious attention. As the West Virginia Superintendent of Schools, I am in constant communication with Governor Jim Justice and his staff, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR), the West Virginia National Guard and other partners to make sure we are able to meet the needs of our students, our educators and our greater education community.

It is important at this time that we not only maintain clear channels of communication, but that we are also careful about the information that we consume. There are social media pages, feeds and posts circulating that are spreading information that is not credible and rumors that incite fear. This is not what we need at this time.

The West Virginia Department of Education has dedicated a part of its website to COVID-19 updates ([wvde.us/COVID19](http://wvde.us/COVID19)). The site had more than 100,000 views in its first 10 days because the information that it provides is valuable to educators, school personnel and families. Additionally, the site links to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the WVDHHR's COVID-19 website to allow viewers to dive deeper into the facts about the disease. The WVDE's site and the others mentioned are updated regularly with information that is credible and properly sourced.

It is important that we educate ourselves about this disease and that we arm ourselves with knowledge. During these challenging times, this will help us all to make the best decisions to protect the health and well-being of our communities, our families and of ourselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Clayton Burch".

W. Clayton Burch  
West Virginia Superintendent of Schools

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