

**MESSAGE FROM TANYA TURNER, SUPERINTENDENT OF
PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS**

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Good afternoon,

This is your Superintendent Tanya Turner with an important update. This afternoon, Governor Cooper announced that all North Carolina Public Schools have been closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020. My team and I will be joining the Department of Public Instruction on a state conference call tomorrow afternoon to gather more information.

Monday, March 16, 2020 will be a Teacher Workday to allow our teachers and instructional staff to roll-out the remote learning plans that we have been working on for a number of weeks. Our Operations Team will also be working on launching the meal delivery plan.

We will be sharing information on remote learning and meal delivery in the coming days. You may find all school system updates on this pandemic on the school system website. Perquimans County Schools is continuing to monitor information from federal, state, and local health officials.

While there have been no cases reported in Perquimans County at this time, we are asking students, staff, and the community to follow good respiratory etiquette and personal hygiene to prevent the spread of any illnesses. Some tips from health officials include:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched (like your phone, tablet, countertops, and daily work surfaces).
- Stay home and away from others when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing by using fist bumps or elbows instead of shaking hands or hugs.

Thank you for your help and cooperation as, together, we work to protect the health of our students, teachers, staff, and our community.