Schools will continue instruction during closures

All after-school activities and sporting events are canceled until further notice. School-sponsored child care programs, field trips and other activities have also been suspended.

The school board is in the midst of a 15-state wide approval for the clearing pilot program, since the program is designed to be a makeup day resource and not as an extended virtual learning platform, the district has modified its clearing plan.

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After Gov. Kay Ivey announced that K-12 schools statewide would close for three weeks due to the spread of the coronavirus, many school districts and teachers must prepare at least two weeks of lessons so that students can continue learning at home.

This plan can play a critical role in how teachers and students communicate virtually, and online platforms can make it easier for students to learn from home.

While there are only 15 school districts statewide participating in the K-12 ed- ucati on plan, some school districts have the capacity to implement remote learning, according to Dr. Joseph Brown. Many students across the state do not have access to computers, tablets, or devices to continue learning at home, which could make successful virtual learning difficult.

Brown estimated that around one- third of all school districts would have the capacity to implement an e-learning style model.

The data education agency asked districts in an email Thursday to cre- ate a virtual learning plan for about two weeks. State Superintendent Dr. July 5. School districts already have approved plans. Students who are currently enrolled in the state's virtual school program can continue to participate. Spearman said it was important to determine how to plan students with the money for virtual learning, especially as more schools, universi- ties, and businesses are working to figure it out.

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