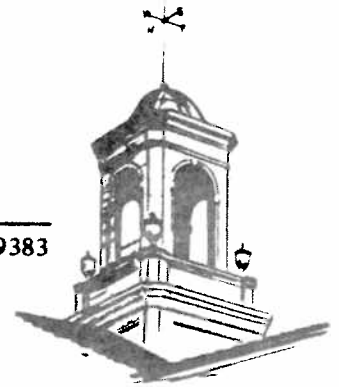


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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Worthington School District Parents

FROM: George M. Carnie

SUBJECT: Emergency Learning Program

DATE: February 7, 1977

On Tuesday, February 8, the Worthington School District will put into operation an Emergency Learning Program. The decision to temporarily discontinue our regular school program was based upon the gas company's order last week to close schools. As you probably know, Columbia Gas has cut back our natural gas allocations considerably since January 1. Based on our current average daily consumption rate, we estimate we will have only enough gas to supply our buildings through February 18. Three weeks ago we began negotiations to obtain "self-help" industrial gas to continue our regular school program and maintain our school buildings. Last Wednesday night we learned our efforts had been unsuccessful.

Emergency Learning Program

Our goal is to provide a meaningful educational program during this crisis. Students are to have a minimum of one weekly school contact with their teachers. These scheduled school days count as regular instructional days and attendance is required. Between days in school students will complete assignments at home and also work with their teachers in homes, through phone contacts and on field trips. All employees are on duty under emergency services and nonteaching personnel have been reassigned to assist in the instructional program.

There are three factors which could lead to the resumption of regular school schedules: the availability of natural gas from Columbia; securing additional "self-help" natural gas from independent producers; or warmer weather. Therefore, it is possible that regular school sessions could convene at anytime. Spring vacation has been shifted from March 21-25 to February 21-25.

Rotation Schedule for Schools

Beginning Tuesday, each school will meet once a week in the central and west areas of Worthington High School's Main Campus, which are heated by electricity

and fuel oil. Elementary and middle schools will meet four hours in either morning or afternoon sessions. The high school will run one 5-hour session. The complete rotation schedule is as follows:

<u>Tuesday, February 8</u>		
8:00 a.m.	- noon	- Worthington Hills Elementary School - Binny
12:30 p.m.	- 4:30 p.m.	- Colonial Hills Elementary School
<u>Wednesday, February 9</u>		
8:00 a.m.	- noon	- Wilson Hill Elementary School
12:30 p.m.	- 4:30 p.m.	- Worthington Estates Elementary
<u>Thursday, February 10</u>		
8:00 a.m.	- noon	- Perry Middle School - Tommy
12:30 p.m.	- 4:30 p.m.	- Worthingway Middle School
<u>Friday, February 11</u>		
8:00 a.m.	- 1:00 p.m.	- All Worthington High School Campuses } Patti
(One Session)		(Kilbourne, Main and Linworth) will } Nancy
		meet at the Main Campus
<u>Monday, February 14</u>		
8:00 a.m.	- noon	- Brookside Elementary School
12:30 p.m.	- 4:30 p.m.	- Evening Street Elementary School

Reporting Times and Bus Schedules

Elementary Schools

Morning Sessions--Elementary school children who normally walk to school should report to their own school no later than 7:45 a.m. Buses will be waiting to take students to the high school. Bus schedules for morning sessions will run approximately 20 minutes ahead of schedule.

Afternoon Sessions--Elementary school children who normally walk to school should report to their own school no later than 12:15. Buses will be waiting to take students to the high school. Bus schedules for afternoon sessions will run approximately the same number of minutes before or after 12 noon as they normally run before or after 8 a.m.

Middle Schools

Morning Sessions--Middle school students who normally walk to school should report to their own school no later than 7:45 a.m. Buses will be waiting to take students to the high school. Bus schedules for morning sessions will run approximately 40 minutes ahead of schedule.

Afternoon Sessions--Middle school students who normally walk to school should report to their own school no later than 12:15. Buses will be waiting to take students to the high school. Bus schedules for afternoon sessions will run approximately the same number of minutes before or after 12 noon as they normally run before or after 8 a.m.

High School

High school starting times and morning bus schedules will remain the same.