

March 23, 2020

Dear Parents and Community members,

Our community, our state, and much of the world are now dealing with an unprecedented public health crisis. Today, Governor Kate Brown issued an Executive Order extending the closure of all public schools through April 28th.

Governor Brown's order will ensure that schools continue to receive funding during this closure so that employees will not be laid off and vital services, including meals for students, can continue.

In our district, we will work to make the following resources/services available during the extended closure. Services will begin following our regularly scheduled Spring Break to include:

- Supplemental educational services: online, independent study, and offline options
- Nutrition Services including meal delivery if needed.
- Daycare services for designated first responders, emergency, and health care workers.

Schools are essential to communities. We know that the Governor's executive order extending the school closure will cause difficulties for many families who rely on their schools for meals, quality education, and a safe place for kids to be during the day. Since the COVID-19 coronavirus first emerged in Oregon, we have followed the guidance of public health agencies, including the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education, in taking preventative steps to make our staff and students safe.

We encourage all our families to make every effort to follow published health-related guidelines such as regular handwashing and social distancing. The purpose of these actions is to slow the transmission rate of the virus within levels the health care system can safely accommodate. This is best accomplished by everyone working together.

We are in uncharted waters, but please know that the Alsea School District, in collaboration with local and state authorities, is doing its best to support our broader community as the reality of this unprecedented crisis continues to evolve.

Sincerely

Marc Thielman

Alsea Superintendent/K-12 Principal

541-487-4305 Ext. 201