



March 25, 2020

Dear Families, Students, Staff and Community members,

Our district continues to respond to our national health crisis. I certainly hope that you and your family are staying healthy. I had the opportunity to meet virtually with state authorities as we continue to navigate our changing terrain. Collectively public-school districts are feeding all children who need food from the age of 0-18, childcare is being provided in many communities so first responders and healthcare workers are able to work, and education is continuing for our 1.1 million students across the state. We are receiving direction from OSPI on an almost daily basis.

As we all know, the Governor has a “stay home” order in place. Public school employees are considered essential. Most of our employees are working remotely. We do have several onsite staff doing a variety of important and meaningful tasks. Those onsite are following strict guidelines on social distancing and sanitizing and will not report to work if they are ill. Our buildings are closed to the public including students and families. The Governor also issued a proclamation regarding public meetings and public records. This is attached. As such, the board meeting tonight is available only by Zoom. Any public comments may be entered in the chat feature.

In the last three days, South Whidbey school District has provided over 500 meals to children ages 0-18 in our community. We are working every day to support each other during this crisis. If your child is in need of meals, please sign up on our website at: <https://forms.gle/cs9zhTXXiXka7oH67>. For those who signed up during the first week, please return to your request to add additional weeks for meals during the closure.

Our instructional program is gearing up and teachers are enthusiastic about providing our students with opportunities for learning and growing. You will be receiving regular contact from teachers as we move forward.

I am attaching the latest guidance from [OSPI on instruction \(linked here\)](#). [Governor's Proclamation 20-28](#).

Finally, I know that we are a team and that you are doing your part to help reduce this health crisis. Thank you for all you are doing. I hope this message clarifies your questions. As this situation progresses I will update you with any changes. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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