



After consultation with local and state health officials, as well as neighboring districts, our county office of education, and the Wheatland School Board; We have determined that the Wheatland School District will need to extend school closures through May 1, 2020. However, please understand that as soon as we are given the green light to return, we will resume classes immediately. It is our hope that we will be able to return before May 1, 2020 but of course this is an ever changing situation and we could open sooner or we could also be closed longer.

The latest data from public health officials make it clear that the spread of the COVID-19 virus still has the potential to overburden our community health resources, and continued isolation is necessary to slow this spread.

The Wheatland School District's decision follows similar extensions announced in most Bay Area counties, in Southern California, in Sacramento and in Placer County. Other districts in our county are making similar announcements today.

The May 1 extension, like the original projection of April 14, is subject to change. Wheatland School District will continue to monitor the situation closely and make decisions based on the best information and guidance available from public health officials as well as the State and Federal Governments.

We understand that the uncertainty of when things will return to normal is very hard on students and their families, but we must do what will best protect the health and safety of our students, our staff and our community. We feel that giving you as much warning as we can will help you make plans accordingly.

The Wheatland School District is continuing to work with students and families on their education and what that will look like given the difficult of doing this in a virtual manner. We will continue to ramp up the learning opportunities that will allow students to continue their schooling while observing shelter-in-place directives and remaining home. Please check the websites on Monday morning, after 9:00am, for additional information and activities.

Our focus in building a distance-learning program is on what is best for the students and what will keep them learning and progressing toward their goals. That requires all of us, teachers, staff and families, working together and being as flexible as we can.

Students will change the way they learn, teachers will change the way they teach and families will change the way they support their students. All of us have important jobs to do in this time of unprecedented challenge.

Wheatland School District will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will update our school families, staff and community as more information becomes available. **Please know it is our desire to get the students and staff back in the classroom as soon as possible!**