

Dear WSD Families;

The public health crisis, created by the COVID-19 pandemic, is not something any of us could reasonably have expected to happen. As a result, we are in uncharted waters as we work to prevent the spread of the illness.

Thankfully, at this time, there are still no known cases of COVID-19 in Yuba County according to Yuba County Public Health.

We are at a point where the balance has shifted and the appropriate path was to close schools. We are taking this step to keep our school communities safe. Again effective Monday, March 16, 2020, we have closed all schools for three weeks. Schools will remain closed from March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020. Spring Break will follow as scheduled, which is from April 6, 2020 to April 13, 2020. Students will be expected back on April 14, 2020. At this time, this closure will not affect the rest of the 2019-2020 school calendar including the current last day of instruction June 4, 2020.

This was a difficult decision, but necessary, as we try to slow the spread of the virus. The closing of any school has real consequences beyond the loss of valuable learning time. We know it is a huge impact on families as well.

I cannot emphasize enough all of the hard work of our Administrative Staff and our School Board in coming to this decision. Our school site staff has and will continue to work hard for our community. We know the adults on a school campus are an important part of a student's life.

We thank you for your patience and trust as we work together to maintain some sense of normalcy in these difficult times. You have my unwavering commitment to do all we can do to support our students and families.

Please see important information below:

District Office:

The District Office will maintain regular business hours, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., until further notice.

Nutrition Services:

We will offer nutrition services for all students in the Wheatland School District and the Wheatland High School District beginning Wednesday, March 18th. This service will be available Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Our food services will be offering one breakfast and one lunch to any student each day. We will be providing both walk-up and curbside delivery at Wheatland Elementary, 111 Hooper St. (beside the Multi-Purpose room). Families can access this service regardless of school of residence. You must be 18 years or younger and the student should be present. There will be no cost to students regardless of eligibility.

Communication:

We will continue to post information on our District website and District Facebook page as soon as it becomes available.

Medication at Sites:

If you need to pick up medication from your school site, please call the District Office at 530-633-3130 or pick up directly from the school site on Tuesday's between 11:00am to 1:00pm. The offices are closed except for medication pick up!!

Educational Resources:

Please access our District Website or the School Websites for resources to use with your children during the closure. Teachers will not be assigning work or able to provide assignments to the students in the District. The resources posted on the websites are designed to be helpful to the families but no work is assigned or mandatory for any students

Health and Safety Reminders:

Public health officials continue to advise avoiding large groups of people and remaining at least six feet away from others. **Also avoid gatherings in other locations such as shopping malls, movie theaters, or community centers even while school is closed.**

Additional Thoughts:

We will continue to remain in close communication with the Yuba County Office of Education, other Yuba County School Districts and Yuba County Public Health professionals and will continue to update our WSD community as new information arrives.

As our Wheatland School District community navigates this difficult time, the safety and wellness of our students, and families continue to be our first priority. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Craig Guensler
Superintendent