



HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preparing all students for lifelong success

Monday, April 6, 2020

Dear HSD Families,

As some of you are already aware, Governor Inslee just announced his decision to close Washington schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This closure is the latest step in our state's ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe and healthy. During this closure extension, all schools in the district will remain closed.

We understand that the continued closure of schools presents many challenges for you and your students. It also raises many questions. The information outlined below is what we know now. We will continue to share further guidance as decisions are made and as information becomes available:

- **Distance Learning:** We are beginning our at-home learning program this week. It will continue through the remainder of the school year. You can expect more communication from your student's principal and teacher(s) in the days ahead and throughout the rest of the school year.
- **Technology:** If your child needs a device or tech support to access at-home learning, please contact by emailing techsupport@hocksd.org. We have a limited number of iPads available. They will be provided on need and preference will be given to our 5th and 4th Grade students.
- **Nutrition Services:** Free breakfast and lunch service will be provided to students during this school closure. Meals may be picked up at Hockinson High School between 10 a.m. and Noon Monday-Friday in the bus turnaround at Hockinson High School. Address: 16819 NE 159th St, Brush Prairie, WA 98606.
- **Child Care:** The HSD will provide child care for children of first responders, health care, and grocery workers. Register by contacting Charity Schadt at charity.schadt@hocksd.org
- **HHS Seniors:** Our seniors will receive support from our counselors and administrators on opportunities to earn credits needed for post-secondary transitions. We are working closely with the state's college system to ensure smooth transitions.
- **Graduation Ceremonies:** HHS Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 11. We are not sure what format will be used for this ceremony, but we intend to honor this date. More information will be sent out once we finalize details about this important community event.
- **School Activities:** All school events (including sports practices and contests, field trips, dances, etc.) scheduled between now and the end of the school year are canceled. We will be engaging with our students and parents to come up with creative alternatives to celebrate milestones such as prom and field day. We will keep students and families updated on these decisions so that you can plan your participation in advance.
- **Summer School:** We are awaiting information from Governor Inslee on whether school facilities will be open to provide school over the summer.

Steven Marshall, Superintendent

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We will continue to provide updates and information on the HSD website: www.hocksd.org. In the days ahead, we will be reaching out to you to collect your questions about today's announcement. We will do our best to answer them in a timely manner.

As the Governor shared at today's press conference, the residents of our state have reduced the number of COVID infections by following "Stay at Home" guidelines. Unfortunately, this health risk persists. Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your families. This is a difficult time for all of us, but I encourage you to stay home, stay healthy, and stay positive.

Sincerely,

Steve Marshall
Superintendent
Hockinson School District