

## Subject: Schools Closed for the Remainder of 2019-2020 School Year

April 6, 2020

Dear Families,



I'm writing to share some important news. Governor Inslee has made the decision to close schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This closure is an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community 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 students and families. 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:** Distance learning will continue through the remainder of the school year. On Monday, April 13th, remote "distance learning" will continue with teachers again reaching out to their students via e-mail, Remind (texting app), and phone calls to discuss learning tasks and to support students and families in this new routine. The district is waiting for guidance from OSPI before making determinations about whether to grade students or provide pass/fail only.
- **Technology:** The district has been collecting information about the availability of technology to each student. If you haven't yet completed this survey, please do it today: <https://forms.gle/v3mFNvLkxsKkAgx66> We are prioritizing student need and distributing Chromebooks accordingly.
- **Nutrition Services:** We will continue to provide meals to students who need them. Meals will be delivered on Monday and on Wednesday. To sign up for meals, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/hS3Pgnpk8rq5wrPG6>
- **Child Care:** The district desires to assist first responders and health care providers to access child care if their regular child care becomes unavailable. If you need assistance, please contact Karen Douglass [douglassk@scsd303.org](mailto:douglassk@scsd303.org)
- **High School Seniors:** High school seniors may contact Mr. Schwan, counselor Tracy Holzhauser, or their advo teacher to receive support on opportunities to earn credits needed for postsecondary transitions. We will work closely with postsecondary programs to ensure smooth transitions. If you are a graduating senior that was on track to graduate before March 13<sup>th</sup> and you stay engaged, you will graduate. We are here for you!
- **Graduation Ceremonies:** In-person graduation ceremonies may change to virtual ceremonies or be delayed. It is too soon to have a definitive answer for our seniors. Please know that we care and desire to CELEBRATE you! We will continue to communicate with you about graduation in May.
- **School Activities:** All school events, including sporting practices and matches, field trips, dances, fund raisers etc. will be canceled during the extended school closure. We will engage with students to come up with creative alternatives to celebrate milestones such as 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, prom, and field day. In some cases, special events may be postponed until summer. 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 any summer school, credit recovery, or other offerings. Furthermore, it will depend on the school district's ability to fund such offerings.

More information can be found on the district website. If you have questions, please reach out. Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your families. This is a difficult time for all of us, but we will get through it together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Douglass".

Karen Douglass  
Superintendent