

March 15, 2020

Banks School District Families,

As you have all been made aware, in an announcement last Thursday night, the Governor has required all schools in Oregon to close. Beginning Monday, March 16th, all Banks schools will be closed until students return on Wednesday, April 1st. We will assess and either confirm or adjust return dates for students and staff sometime between March 23rd and March 27th, this is the most recent information from ODE on the State reassessing the situation.

With this closure, there are sure to be many questions. The following is information regarding district operations during this closure:

- **Meal distribution** -- Breakfast and lunch will be distributed to any child between the ages of 1 and 18 as take-home meals. Cafeterias will not be open for dining and students must be present to be given a meal. These will be provided at sites throughout the Forest Grove School District during this closure through March 31, 2020. The locations include Echo Shaw, Harvey Clarke and Joseph Gale Elementary schools and the Rose Grove Community Park. Breakfast will be served between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Lunch between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm. These meals will be provided free of charge. This is similar to our summer lunch program. We are fortunate that Forest Grove School District has offered this service for us.
- **Custodial** -- The District's custodial staff will report as usual through the closure to focus on deep cleaning and sanitizing of the buildings, preparing for students and staff to return.
- **Health Care** -- At this time, [The Forest Grove School Based Health Center](#) will be open during the closure and spring break.
- **How the closure will affect the end of the school year?** -- At this time, we do not know how this emergency closure will affect the end of the 2019-2020 school year. We will keep you updated as details become available.
- **School Sports:** All OSAA athletic practices are suspended through March 31, effective today. Additional information about spring sports will be forthcoming from OSAA; we will update you as soon as we can.

As this situation continues to evolve, additional communication will be sent out as it is received and posted to the district website.

Thank you for your calm and care for our students. I believe our community is strong. I look forward to working collaboratively to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, families and the greater community.

Jeff Leo
Superintendent