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## **Wahkiakum School District 200**

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Dear Families, Students and Community Members,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate the current Covid-19 international pandemic. Last week, after Governor Inslee announced the statewide suspension of classes on campus for the remainder of the year, we sat down and charted a way forward for Wahkiakum School District. I'd like to take this opportunity to share that with you.


First and foremost, while campus is closed, the learning process has not stopped and education will continue. We have been reaching out to all students over the past several weeks, and the High School Teachers in particular have been making sure our seniors are prepared and ready to graduate on June 12. Teachers across all grades have been busy not only reaching out to students, but preparing for this remote access and virtual world that we are all trying to figure out. This will continue, and now that we are done with "virtual Spring Break", increased expectations will be laid out for all students in days to come. We understand that this is new and I want you to know that we are here to help. We can and will offer Chromebooks to families that don't have computer access, and for those who struggle with internet access, we would like to discuss options and help find resolutions. If there are other issues or concerns, please let us know. This is uncharted territory for all of us but we will figure it out.

The District has and will continue to keep the Grade School Office open from 8-12 every school day. Please call, do not plan to walk in as the buildings are closed to the public. School Breakfast and Lunch continue to be available to all children regardless of financial status or living conditions. At this point, we have served over 2,200 meals to Wahkiakum children and we are proud to be able to continue providing this service in our community. Please call the office (360-795-3261) from 8-9 in the morning to place an order for meals. At some point in May we will have a limited and controlled access for students to return to school and retrieve items left on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We are tentatively planning for this to occur during the second week of May and will provide more details as we get closer.

I'll close by sharing that we intend to keep to our original school calendar. Graduation for seniors will remain as scheduled on 12 June, 2020. This will also be the last day of classes for the entire district. Details for graduation are obviously up in the air and it's hard to predict what will be allowed and what is appropriate. Please know we are actively planning and will share the plan once we have some clarity around what options we have to honor our Class of 2020.

We wish you the best of health and if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly, or our building Principals, the Grades School Office or your student's teacher.

This will end and we will persevere,

  
Brent Freeman  
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Wahkiakum School District