



# Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Dear Sisters Schools Community,

Yesterday, we learned our students will not return to school campuses this school year. The Governor extended the closure of school buildings through the remainder of the year. The extended closure is a continued effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community safe and healthy.

Additionally, Governor Brown proclaimed that the closure will not impact our seniors' ability to graduate this June. The Oregon Department of Education released the “pathways to graduation” yesterday afternoon and our high school staff will be working to assure that we can help all students meet this goal.

I want to remind you of all the changes that have occurred over the last month:

- On March 12, Oregon announced that most students would lose seven school days, 5 days for Sisters students.
- On March 17, Oregon extended the closure to more than a month of school days and districts would provide supplemental materials for students.
- On March 30, Oregon's leadership stated that there is a very real potential that our students, like those in many other states, may not return to school this academic year. School districts are now working to provide distance learning for all of Oregon K-12 students.
- On April 8, Oregon extends school closures for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and provides guidance on pathways to graduation for the state's Seniors.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Sisters School District staff were actively reaching out to our students and families to get a better understanding of what resources they need to help us achieve the Distance Learning for All directive from the state. Most, if not all of you, should have been contacted by a staff member from the building your child attends. If you have not, please call the office of the school so we can check and update your information and correct any communication issues.

This distance learning is not just about online education and may, in fact, include a blend of other modes, such as phone calls, recorded video lessons, Canvas, Google meet, Zoom, and paper packets.

Now that we know that we will not be returning to our buildings, we understand that some students have personal property in the schools and we will need to arrange a process for the recovery of those items. This communication will come from your child's school, but please be patient as we are currently working to re-engage our students. In the next several days and weeks, we will be focused on getting the resources needed for, and the execution of, the Distance Learning for All initiative.

We will need patience, resilience, kindness, and strength as we move through these next few months. We will learn a lot through this crisis, as we support one another and grow stronger together.

Stay Safe,

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