

Sisters School District "Home of the Outlaws"

Curtiss Scholl Superintendent

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Dear Sisters Schools Community,

We are starting day three of Distance Learning for all and this is my 15th letter to families since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. Needless to say, it has been an interesting month.

I encourage you to take advantage of the virtual "Principal Coffees" that will be held this week by each of our building leaders. This is a great opportunity for us to connect and get feedback as we continue improve how we are serving our students.

I know there have been a lot of questions about grades and credits and we have still not heard definitively from the Oregon Department of Education on this topic. The common sense answer is **learning must continue!** In times of crisis, we need to fall back on our core values for focus.

In our Strategic Plan, our core values focus on:

- 1. Investing in **relationships** that support every student's growth and sense of belonging
- 2. Create extraordinary learning experiences that make learning real
- Empower and support students and staff to become the best versions of themselves
- 4. **Prepare** students to be courageous individuals, effective communicators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers for life

These core values will continue to drive our work as a district through this crisis. Everyday provides us with another opportunity to get better. Maya Angelou said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Additionally, Sisters School District is currently supporting students with grab-and-go breakfast and lunches that can be picked up at Sisters Elementary School. We are now serving both breakfast and lunch from 10:30-11:30 am daily.

Finally, take the time to take care of yourselves and those that you love. Your efforts around social distancing are making a difference. I would also like to express my gratitude to all of the medical providers and their families.

Stay safe,

Curt Scholl Superintendent Sisters School District