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The safety and wellness of students, families, and school personnel are our highest priorities. In recognition of the statewide COVID-19 situation and the potential impact in Humboldt County, School District Superintendents, in coordination with Dr. Chris Hartley, County Superintendent of Schools, and Senator McGuire, have decided to close the majority of public Humboldt County schools beginning March 16 through March 27.

We will reassess at the end of next week whether an extension of school closures beyond March 30 will be necessary. Public health has reported while there are no current detected cases in our county at this time, the Humboldt County Public Health Division expects to begin seeing positive cases in the coming days and weeks which may require a continued response.

Several counties throughout California, states throughout the country and countries worldwide have made similar choices.

While we recognize this decision will pose challenges and hardship to many families in our county, the most effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of this pandemic is by implementing social distancing practices. During the time of the school closure, we are asking that students and families follow the County Public Health Officer's directive to stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible.

Protecting public health requires a community-wide response, and we will need the help of families to help remain united in our response. We'd like to emphasize that, while school dismissals are intended to protect students, teachers, and staff, everyone needs to take social distancing seriously if we are to achieve the greater benefit of protecting everyone in the County from COVID-19.

While children have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from COVID-19, they are still able to transmit the virus to populations who are most vulnerable to serious illness, such as older adults and those with compromised immune systems. To achieve the greatest effect in reducing COVID-19 transmission in Humboldt County, please encourage students and their families during this time to:

- avoid large public gatherings such as malls, movie theaters, and other spaces, especially those that are indoors
- plan to spend the dismissal week with just their immediate family and a few friends
- use social media and phone to keep in touch with the rest of their family and friends
- postpone visits to older adult relatives and neighbors, and to people with compromised immune systems
- avoid traveling out of the county to other locations where COVID-19 is circulating more widely

Because we are an Independent Study program there is no need to close the school only the two campuses. Both campuses have developed contingency plans to address this situation. You will be receiving a voice alert from your campus explaining what steps you should take next.

Staffs will be meeting tomorrow to assist in the process and to address any issues that may arise. We will be working a system to continue the lunch program for those families that need the service:

We understand that implementing these changes with such limited notice is challenging and disruptive, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation. We are grateful to community members throughout our county for their tremendous efforts during these challenging times.

This is a dynamic situation where information and circumstances can evolve quickly.

For the latest updates, visit: www.hcoe.org/covid-19

Thank you for your attention during this time.

Respectively,

James Malloy