



# Aleutians East Borough School District

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Greetings Members of the AEBSD Community:

We are almost finished with the last week of March; are now about to enter April and I doubt that any of us expected the school year to develop in the way that it has. However, things are good in that our families are healthy, we are delivering educational materials and our dedicated, professional and hard-working staff are still providing lunches throughout the community, Monday through Friday. We are working hard to meet current student needs while crafting methods as to how we may be able to improve content delivery in the weeks to come. Our Director of Technology, Kirk Feldbauer, is working with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, Alaska Telecom Association and Technology Directors from around the state of Alaska to brainstorm ways to improve how we deliver educational content to rural locations. There are no quick fixes, but I believe we may have a solution in the near future. We have also been communicating with Paul Mueller as part of our partnership with the Eastern Aleutian Tribes to see how we can work together in the area of providing increased community connectivity.

Regarding State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services COVID-19 Mandates, Health Advisories and other relevant information, there have been numerous adjustments to state ordered health mandates and advisories. The most recent health mandates occurred yesterday, March 27, 2020. Changes have all been additive in nature and no mandates or advisories have yet been removed or relaxed. From the education side of the house, entities delivering distance delivery are still considered important to the *Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure*. Therefore, teachers and staff will continue to be working at school and following social distancing protocols unless mitigating factors arise.

Please follow the link to view all of the latest COVID-19 information from the State of Alaska.

<https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

On other topics, I have received inquiries about AEBSD's plans for graduation. At this time, no decisions have been made about graduations due to the May 1, 2020 return to school date currently defined by the Governor's Office. As we move forward, decisions about graduation will need to be addressed, but at this time, it would be premature given the fluidity of our current environment.

Thanks again for your continued patience and flexibility. These are stressful and unpredictable times for our families, students, and staff members. Please know that the AEBSD appreciates the strong partnerships and collaboration within our educational community. We are in this together!

Sincerely,

Patrick Mayer,  
Superintendent