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MEMO

To: Region 10 Community
From: Howard Thiery, Superintendent of Schools
Date: March 18, 2020

Re: Distance Learning Update 3/18/2020

Region 10 Community Members,

I know that members of the High School and Middle School Communities received preliminary information today from your Principals about the implementation of teacher directed distance learning. The Elementary Schools will send out similar information in the near future. As I described in my recent email we have posted supplemental learning for all levels on our web site and we will be transitioning that to teacher directed distance learning in a phased manner that will begin next week with all classes and levels coming online by the week of 3/31. This teacher directed learning will take the place of actual school days and count toward our school year. The structure of that learning will be shared with you by your principals and teachers in the days ahead and will continue to evolve as needed. Despite the fact that schools are only officially closed through 3/31 we are doing all of this in anticipation that this may be a longer school closing. It is my understanding that the term closed schools may be causing some confusion with the implementation of Distance Learning. Our school buildings are closed but we are still committed to providing educational continuity for our students to the best of our ability throughout this pandemic event. We will continue communicate with you both at a District and School level as we move forward.

I hope that you are all doing well and making the best of the unique situation we are in. My family has adopted a "Family Deeds of the Day" strategy and are logging our community service on the kitchen blackboard. So far it has included giving blood, shopping and donating food to our local food pantry and supporting local small businesses. These acts, a few good books, some ukulele playing and more family face time and our new normal is being established. I hope you are all able to grow toward a happy new normal for this time period.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have a question.

Stay well and we will stay in touch,

Howard Thiery
Superintendent
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