



Hello Tintic School District Families,

I know this continues to be a challenging time for each of you and your students. I can appreciate the myriad of emotions that surround the current COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak.

This afternoon, Gov. Gary Herbert along with the State Board of Education announced that in order to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in our state, he is ordering a School Dismissal. Under this order, schools will dismiss on-site education and will move to small-group scheduled instruction or full digital instruction. These methods are still to be determined. The first possible weekday back will be March 30, 2020.

After consultation with officials this afternoon, it has been determined that no classes will be held Monday March 16, 2020, so that teachers and administrators can prepare and initiate the digital programs needed in order to continue service. Tuesday March 17, 2020 will be a day for students to come to campuses on a scheduled basis in order to collect Chromebooks and needed textbooks. Thankfully, during these past several weeks, we have worked hard to have the infrastructure set up and devices ready to move forward. We will continue to stay in communication with you on what future school changes and expectations are.

Our role is to provide equitable access to education for all Tintic School District students. In the past week, I have marveled at the way our entire district community has come together to train, collaborate, and innovate to do everything within our power to make sure our students' educational needs are met – in the most incredibly creative ways.

I am thankful for our staff and families who have practiced patience over perfection and given us grace as we forged a path new for our community while keeping the health and safety of our students at the forefront of our work during this time. We take our responsibility to your students and your family seriously, and have been resolutely committed to monitoring and adjusting daily to improve upon our methods of delivering education during this uncertain time.

Our Food and Nutrition Services is working closely with our communication departments to make lunch available to all students. Each site (Eureka Elementary School parking lot & Tintic High School parking lot) is open from 12pm-12:30pm for grab & go meals. We will continue to adjust this effort to meet the changing needs of our community during these uncertain times.

Preschool services will be canceled until further notice. Students and parents needing to pick up items from the school building will need to do so on Monday March 16, 2020.

Despite our efforts to keep athletics open, it is no longer possible to do so with the mandated school dismissal. At this time all districts will be suspending all athletic activities, including practices. We are still hopeful that once schools are allowed to return to onsite locations that an abbreviated spring sports season may still be possible.

Please be ready to receive a time and location for students to report to school to collect needed materials from teachers and to receive instructions on how to log on and turn in course work.

I want to thank our teachers, our education support staff, our principals, and so many other staff in the wake of mounting health concerns. We will continue to research and study how to best support our students, staff and families as we traverse this dynamic terrain.

Respectfully,

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