



Grand Coulee Dam School District

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Parent/community update

Good afternoon,

We currently have four confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our service area. Social distance and good handwashing continue to be the major preventative steps that we can do to protect our family and community. Please continue to follow state guidelines on this.

What a day! If you haven't already heard, Governor Inslee has given clear direction and officially cancelled school for the rest of the year. What does this mean for LR students?

Education will look different from now on. We are currently and will continue the development of a Distance Learning platform which will include online learning and packet work. We plan to implement this platform beginning April 20th. With that said, we need your help!

- 1) Teachers are contacting all students in order to assess their online capabilities. Please work with the teacher to help us collect this data.
- 2) Communication with our families is critical. Establish with your teacher the best way to communicate with you. We are still having difficulty connecting with some of our students.
- 3) If you know of a student that moved whether temporary or permanent since our initial closure please let the school know.
- 4) If you haven't been contacted yet, contact the school.

Technology information is crucial for future decisions dealing with Distance Learning.

Seniors, if you haven't been contacted yet, reach out to your teacher or HS administrator. They will be working with you individually on your graduation status. If you haven't been contacted yet, you need to take responsibility and contact the school.

A graduation ceremony will be different this year, at this time we don't know what it will look like.

Although this week is "spring break", we are still collecting data from the technology survey. Meals will still be delivered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Report cards are on the way and conferences are being scheduled for next week. Conferences will be in a virtual format. There will be a lot of work being done the next two weeks in preparation of our distant learning platform which will begin April 20th.

Breakfast/Lunch delivery: We had a significant drop in meal deliveries on Friday which continued today. I want to reassure everyone that the safety protocol in the preparation and delivery of student meals meets and/or exceeds the state guidelines. Good nutrition is very important and I encourage you to continue participating in this meal program.

The District office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 1:00 pm. The office will be closed Tuesday and Thursday.

School health/safety protocol.

- 1) Everyone who enters the building must enter through the elementary office.
- 2) Everyone must sign in, take their temperature and answer a series of questions (Do you have a runny nose, etc.).
 - a. If staff fail any part of this protocol they are sent home and put on a 14-day quarantine.
 - b. If any community member fails any part they are sent away and not allowed to enter the school.
- 3) Kitchen staff preparing meals and staff assembling meals must wear gloves and abide by the social distance guidelines.
- 4) Multiple times a day staff wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer.
- 5) While in the building everyone is required to wear a mask.
- 6) While delivering food all staff must wear gloves and a mask.
- 7) We have increased social distance from 6 to 10 feet.

New Learnings:

Now that COVID-19 has reached the Coulee, it is more imperative than ever that you follow the social distance guidelines established by the state.

Stay Home / Stay Safe, keep your distance (10 feet) and wash your hands.

Mr. Turner
