



# HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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District Office

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Dear Homer Schools Community,

I wanted to take time to update you on a number of items that have evolved over the last couple of days. Below, please find the latest updates...

Home Learning...This will formally begin on Monday, March 23, 2020 and continue through Friday, April 3, 2020. Teaching staff will be making contact, in some manner, with each child, between now and then to open the lines of communication. Our staff has been working diligently to prepare creative, sound learning opportunities for your child while school is closed.

Free Meal Distribution Plan...This will begin tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18 and run through April 13. This is a Monday-Friday service and will distribute meals to children at five locations around the district each day from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Additional information is posted on our COVID-19 page of the district website and was shared on our social media platforms earlier today.

Family Access to Buildings...As mentioned in my last communication, families were able to access the building today from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to pick up any materials that were needed in preparation for the extended closure. Some materials were gathered by teachers but were not picked up by students. Principals will be following up with those families to arrange a pickup. For those who need to get items, but were not able to get here during that time, please contact the building office to make other arrangements.

General Access to Building Grounds/Athletic Fields...The intent is to close all of our campuses during this closure. Coaches have been instructed not to encourage players to congregate here for informal practices. Students are asked not to be on campus during the closure. We are attempting to follow state and federal guidance with fidelity to do our part to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Questions and Communication During the School Closure...It is our goal to continue to communicate effectively with you from the teacher, building and district level during this closure. If you have questions at any time during the closure, please feel free to email your child's teacher or building principal. Your phone calls to individual buildings will be routed to the building principal who will relay them to the appropriate person or department. If any of these questions are wide ranging and are questions that many people may have...the question and answer will be added to our "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the COVID-19 page on our website.

We recognize that nothing can replace the day to day experience of being at school with caring adults. It is our goal, though, to provide the necessary support that your children will need to make a smooth transition back to school in a few weeks. Take care and thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

Sincerely,

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