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Dear Southern Humboldt USD Families,

First and foremost we want to recognize how amazing our staff here at Southern Humboldt USD have been through this difficult situation! They have been working countless hours to sanitize our school sites, prepare bagged lunches, and have been diligently preparing the extended learning opportunities for our students.

While we were tentatively scheduled to resume school on March 27th, due to the shelter in place orders from Humboldt County Public Health and the continued risk to community health posed by the coronavirus, all school districts in Humboldt County will continue to be closed at least through April 10. This will be followed by the already scheduled week of spring break starting April 12th through April 19th. Please be aware that there will be no food distribution or education activities during spring break. We are taking this time to allow our staff to regroup and plan for the coming weeks ahead.

We all continue to hope for the best, but we are strongly encouraging families to prepare for the possibility that that schools may be closed through the summer break. We are preparing as though this may take place as stated by Gov. Gavin Newsom in a press conference on Tuesday, but remain hopeful that conditions will improve to allow schools to reopen before the end of the school year.

Today, our teachers were busily working on developing education activities and extended learning options with a plan for deployment to students hopefully by the week of March 30th. Specific directions will be communicated by each school site starting Monday March 23rd, please expect phone calls or communications from each site to each family in our district.

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As a reminder, if your student does not have access to an internet-connected device, we will have alternative options available.

Schools' updates will be shifting away from text message alerts to the pre-recorded phone calls, the District website and Facebook starting Monday March 23th unless there is major development further impacting our community. You will now be receiving a text message with a link to the most recent update along with the pre-recorded message and emails.

We will continue making food available to the students in our community. Bus drivers will be making their schedules stops Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. This schedule can be found on our [Food Distribution Page](#). We will also be serving meals daily Monday through Friday between 11:30. and 12:30 p.m. at Redway Elementary, Agnes J Johnson Elementary and South Fork High School. All students in our community 18 and under can receive a free meal regardless of where they attend school but the child must be present. A list of school pick up sites is available online through the [HCOE School Status List](#)

All school offices, along with the District office, will be closed to the public starting Monday, phone appointments can be made by request. The main lines for our schools will have their voicemail monitored, so calls will be returned. The order to shelter in place has designated the meal service and extended learning from schools as essential services to our community.

Finally, please follow the guidelines from Public Health and CDC in regard to sheltering in place and stay healthy. More updates and guidelines are available on the [District Covid-19 page](#) and updates will continue to go out as often as possible.

Sincerely,
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