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Dear Families of Jefferson County School District 509-J,

Last evening, ODE issued new guidance to school districts which represents a significant shift from “supplemental learning” supports and activities during the school closure to a plan for “Distance Learning for All”. The guidance includes a blended instructional framework and includes an online format as part of the process. Districts have until April 13th to submit their local district plan to ODE and are allowed to consider the community they serve and district capacity as they develop their district plan.

To understand the context in which we’re operating, I want to remind you of the shifts that have occurred over the last two weeks, including Oregon’s spring break:

- March 12th, Oregon announced a seven-day school closure.
- March 17th, Oregon extended the closure to April 28th.
- March 30th, Oregon’s leadership stated that there is a very real potential that our students, like those in many other states, may not return to school this academic year.

We still plan to launch supplemental learning supports for students and families on Wednesday, April 1st. In addition to the website resources, printed materials will be delivered at all meal serving locations. We will provide these resources to students and families until we implement our “Distance Learning for All” plan later in April.

Our district has already engaged with principals, teachers, and support staff about developing our plan for Distance Learning for All. We ask families to please take advantage of the supplemental learning materials available on our website starting April 1st or the printed materials being delivered to meal serving locations. We encourage families to select books for your students and/or allow them to select books to read at home during the school closure. These books are available at all meal service locations and Student Services Building (District Office) during the hours of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday beginning April 1st.

We are very grateful for your patience and understanding during the school closure. School staff and family members will need to continue to collaborate and support each other through this challenge. It is my hope that our strong community becomes even closer by meeting these challenges together.

Sincerely,

Ken Parshall  
Superintendent  
Jefferson County School District 509-J