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Dear Parents and Students,

As a School District, we understand the hardship a school closure places on our families and the community, and we want to thank you for working with us during these extraordinary times. Below is the current information for the next few weeks. This information may change as the situation continues to develop.

Building Closure

Our school buildings will remain open through Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00 pm for students and families to pick up personal items. Some school staff will be back in buildings during the week of March 23 to begin planning for potential distance learning options.

School Meals

Delta County School District Food Service will be offering a free *Grab and Go Meal Service* to include breakfast and lunch for **ALL** students in the School District during the school closures. Students must be present to pick up their meals. We will be giving out *Grab and Go* brown bag lunch food items with an option of breakfast items for the next day from 11:00 to 1:00 every weekday starting Wednesday, March 18th at the following locations. On the offsite locations, we will deliver out of a school bus.

Cedaredge and Eckert:

- Cedaredge Elementary School – 380 N. Grand Mesa Dr, Cedaredge
- A school bus will be at Cory Store – 9340 Hwy 65, Austin

Crawford:

- North Fork Montessori School at Crawford – 51 Fir Ave, Crawford

Delta:

- Delta High School – 1400 Pioneer Rd, Delta
- Delta Middle School – 401 E 10th ST, Delta
- Garnet Mesa Elementary School – 600 A St., Delta
- Rivers Church – 762 Dodge St, Delta
 - North Delta Church Without Walls – 721 US50, Delta

Hotchkiss:

- Hotchkiss K-8 School – 465 Lorah Lane, Hotchkiss
- A school bus will be at Rogers Mesa Fruit, 9981 3100 Rd, Hotchkiss

Paonia:

- Paonia Elementary School – 430 Box Elder St, Paonia

Distance Learning

The administrative staff and teachers are working to create a distance learning model for our students if we are not able to resume traditional schooling on March 30th. This model will vary by grade level and community to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students to the best of our ability. If distance-learning is implemented, students will be expected to complete the work provided by their teachers. We are planning for our school administrators to send out specific distance learning plans and schedules next week.

CMAS/PSAT/SAT/AP

The state has delayed the start of the CMAS window but has not provided specific details. At this time the state is still planning to conduct the school-day PSAT and SAT assessments on April 14th. We have not heard any specific details regarding Advanced Placement tests for this spring.

Criteria to Reopen Schools

We will continue to consult with our local and state public health officials to determine when it is appropriate to reopen our school buildings. As the situation evolves, we will continue to communicate with our families and community.

Ongoing COVID-19 Preventative Measures

Please remember to continue practicing the following hygiene habits to further prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Avoid large gatherings and practice social distancing
- Wash your hands frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (experts say it takes about 20 seconds for the most effective hand washing, which is about one round of the “ABC” song)
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid close contact with those who appear to be ill or have been positively diagnosed, especially with influenza which is very prevalent in Colorado at this time
- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth if you are sick
- Disinfect surfaces

Again, thank you for your support during these extraordinary and challenging times. It is important that we continue to care for each other. We struggled with the decision to close our schools and the resulting impact on our families. We will continue to support our families and community as we work together through this COVID-19 event.

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