

Hello Dallas School District Students, Families and Friends:

First, I wish each of you my best. The word "unprecedented" is being used a lot right now, and it is true. During spring break I should be asking if you are relaxing and becoming re-energized before a strong finish to the school year for our students and staff members. Rather, I am asking for your continued patience and an enduring mindset as we continue through this unfamiliar period. We can all work together to get through this challenging time by sharing accurate information and by finding creative ways to support one another.

Here is additional information since my update last week. This letter and all of our closure information is contained on the school district website -- <https://www.dallas.k12.or.us/>

Governor's Latest Order

The Governor issued a stay at home order on Monday of this week. Here is the link to the full order. https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/jkAULYKcSh6DoDF8wBM0_EO%2020-12.pdf

Buildings and Outdoor Facilities Remain Closed

- In addition to our schools, the district office is also now closed. We've arranged for all district office employees to work remotely. There will be a limited daily presence so we can receive deliveries and to acquire needed items. Any calls to the district office will be managed by our auto attendant. Voicemail will be reviewed multiple times each day and we will continue to respond.
- All district staff members check and respond to emails every day.
- All facilities, including playgrounds, tennis courts and athletic facilities are closed per the Governor's order.

Free Meal Sites Continue Operation

Our food service program is continuing and our food service employees are doing an amazing job. We served nearly 500 meals (breakfast and lunch) today and the numbers are growing each day. I encourage you to take advantage of these meals served from 11 AM to 12:30 PM to anyone 18 years of age and younger at each of the five established sites: in the parking lots of Lyle and Whitworth Schools, Post High, The Academy Building and Woodbridge Apartments.

Supplemental Learning

We continue to add learning supports to the school district website. Please check it out and note the growing grade-range resources and other links. We are formulating options for communication directly from staff members after spring break. While I will continue to send district-wide updates, you will also hear from your principal with school-specific information by early next week.

Planning Ahead

Our new and temporary norm of education looks entirely different than what we are used to. We are receiving frequent information from the Oregon Department of Education to guide our efforts in Dallas. While there is a lot to consider, I commit to providing these updates to you as they become available.

This continues to be a rapidly changing matter with lots of creative energy to support our students, parents and staff members. Please email your school principal or me if you have any feedback, questions or would just like to discuss things.

I hope you and your families are staying well.

Andy Bellando
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