



Ellensburg School District #401

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

[Governor Inslee declared today](#) that all schools in the State of Washington will close by the end of the day Monday, March 16th and will remain closed through April 24th. Ellensburg School District (ESD) will not have school Monday March 16th through April 24, 2020.

Although classes are canceled, all school buildings will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday (3/16) and Tuesday (3/17) for parents and students to pick up items like medication, instruments, coats, Chromebooks, etc. Administrators and secretaries will be available. Nurses will also be available to support medication transfer and answer questions. If these times do not work for you, then please contact your child's school and other arrangements will be made available.

During the school closure, there will be no athletics, clubs, or other extracurricular activities. Our Community Schools Program will also be closed during this time. Information regarding the status of your previously scheduled parent phone conferences will be sent to you on Monday (3/16). There will be no conferences on Monday.

During the entire school closure, student meals will be provided in collaboration with FISH Foodbank each weekday. All children up to 18 years old will have available a "grab & go" style meal service from Morgan Middle School beginning Monday (3/16). Each bag will provide a lunch meal and breakfast for the following day. Meals may be picked up between 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

We encourage you to continue to read with your child at home and access educational websites that they are interested in. At this time, ESD will not be providing a formal educational program during the closure, but we will continue to work with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on potential options moving forward.

Some of the days that are missed will be made up the week of June 15th. ESD's last day of the school year, as determined by OSPI, will be June 19, 2020. More information regarding senior students will be made available in the coming weeks, but OSPI is committed to having seniors graduate on time.

OSPI will also have updates available on their website [here](#). ESD will continue to communicate with families through Blackboard messaging and our website.

We truly appreciate the privilege of serving your students in ESD. These are unprecedented times. We have a strong ESD team and working together, and we will continue to successfully navigate through the rest of this year and see students thrive!

Respectfully,

Jinger Haberer