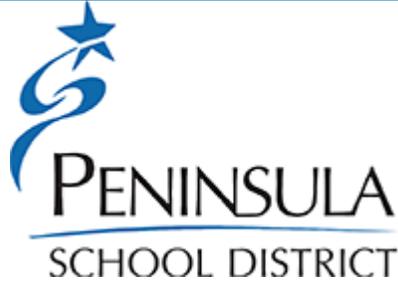


April 6, 2020



COVID-19 and the State of the District

Dear PSD staff and families,

Today, Governor Inslee announced that schools will be closed to in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). During this closure, all school buildings in the district will remain closed. Without these restrictions, public health authorities have told us the rate of infection will overwhelm the healthcare system.

We understand continued school closures are difficult on students, staff, families and the entire community. This is disappointing news for all of us: we miss our students, students miss their friends, teachers, and other staff. The extended closure also raises numerous questions for students and families. We are working quickly to answer your questions as soon as possible. In the meantime, here is what we know:

- Although our buildings are closed, the learning continues. We are committed to continuing to partner with families and the community to support our students' learning while they are at home.
 - Please watch for specific information coming out this week about the next stage of our district's enhanced continuous learning opportunity program, which is set to begin after spring break on Monday, April 20.
- High school seniors will receive support from guidance counselors on opportunities to earn and document credits they need for postsecondary transitions, including college, vocational/community college and the military.
- We recognize the situation this creates for our graduation ceremonies and we are working creatively to come up with a solution that both honors our seniors and maintains everyone's safety. A final decision will be shared as soon as we have more information.
- We will continue to provide meals Monday-Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on-site at the following schools:

- Artondale Elementary
 - Evergreen Elementary
 - Purdy Elementary
 - Key Peninsula Middle School
 - Gig Harbor High School
- Meals are also available via bus delivery. Please refer to our [meal delivery times](#).
 - Child care will continue to be available in a limited capacity for children of first responders and health care workers. If your child is already enrolled in child care during school closures, you do not need to take further action to keep your spot.
 - If your child needs a device or hotspot, please contact your child's school.
 - Spring break is still on as scheduled next week, April 13-17. School-based employees, including teachers, will not be working over spring break. Meal hubs and meal deliveries via bus routes will continue next week.
 - We are awaiting information from the Governor on whether school facilities will be open to provide summer school.

Please, stay home as much as possible and stay healthy. Limit trips outside for things like groceries, gas, and essentials, and continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene, including:

- Staying 6 feet apart from people outside your home;
- Washing your hands often with soap and water;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces regularly; and
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

Together, we can make a difference in slowing the spread of COVID-19. We ask for your help and cooperation in this effort.

Please know we are all in this together. More information, including on demand videos and learning resources, can be found at psd401.net.



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