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Dear Jamestown School Families,

I greatly appreciate your patience over the last few days and weeks as we have worked with numerous entities, including TCSOS, our County Public Health Officer, and State Superintendent of Schools in conjunction with the Governor's Office, to gain information and guidance in order to make the best decision possible in regard to school closure and lessening the spread of COVID-19. At this time, we have made the difficult decision move all education for your children and our students to a distance learning model and all Tuolumne County public school campuses will be closed for the remainder of this school year.

We do echo the Governor's statement that school maybe closed, but classes are in session. *It is important to understand we are not ending the school year, and we are continuing the essential work of teaching and learning for all Tuolumne County public school students.* The press release from Superintendent Parker and all Tuolumne County Superintendents is attached with more detailed information. Jamestown School District will continue our efforts in providing distance learning opportunities and instruction and in expanding and supporting those efforts over the next two months.

For those families that need an electronic device to complete on-line learning, we will be contacting you soon to set up an appointment in order to check out a Chromebook to your household. We will also have staff ready to assist any eligible family who needs help in signing up for free internet service through Comcast. Your child's teacher should have contacted you already or sent you a recent survey to identify technology needs. If you have not responded and do need either a device or internet, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Paper packets will still be available for pick-up on Monday and Tuesday from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

We will continue through the course of our school campus closure to provide meals, but please note the change to three days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00AM-1:00PM. On Tuesday and Thursday, we will issue two days' worth of meals at a time. JFRC is continuing to provide food assistance by appointment.

There will be many questions, I am sure. We ask for your continued understanding and patience as we navigate this unprecedented time, and develop new procedures and protocols to address this shift in education.

Please do not hesitate to contact the District Office at (209) 984-4058 for any questions, and we will be happy to assist you. You may also refer to our website for additional information and links to both educational resources and support services.

Thank you and be safe.

Contessa Pelfrey, Superintendent