



Coronavirus Update  
March 12, 2020

Dear Families:

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we respond daily to changes related to the Coronavirus. It is important to remember through these turbulent times, as always, we are in the business of people. It is important to take care of yourself, your families and each other. Have extra grace and patience as we work through ongoing changes.

We have a few more details following yesterday's announcement. Not every question will be answered here, but there will be additional information sent tomorrow and in the following days as details are worked out. Information will be sent to you via email, phone and/or text, depending on what alerts you have signed up for through your school. We will also keep our web site updated daily, and our social media sites also have regular posts.

One big change occurred today in our school cancellation plan. Today Governor Inslee announced a mandate that schools close next week through April 24. Therefore, **Starting Monday, March 16, Everett Public Schools will be closed through Friday, April 24.** School will resume on Monday, April 27.

### **Family needs**

To help us in assessing needs throughout the district, please take a moment to fill out [this survey](#). Everett Public Schools works closely with community partners and this survey will help assess capacity gaps for childcare and other resource issues families might have.

Everett Public Schools Food and Nutrition Department will be providing free meals to those who need them during the school closure. Find out more information and how to pre-order a meal [here](#).

If you have a child who receives any type of special education services, you will be receiving a letter from Special Services detailing what to expect in terms of student support during the school closure. You will receive that letter in the next couple of days.

### **Learning while away from the classroom**

Alongside the community, Everett Public Schools shares core values of equity and learning. District staff are preparing for ways to provide your students a continuity of *student engagement and learning support* while schools are closed.

It is important we first define what we mean by student engagement and support. The resources the district will make available do not replace the experience of being in school but can help students maintain the learning that has taken place this school year. Our plan takes into account current curriculum resources, technology, and staff training in determining our capacity to engage and support students while schools are closed.

This will take the form of digital, web-based learning resources, hard copies of learning packets, and previously built digital content accessed through tools like Google Classroom and Canvas.

It's important, too, that we define at this stage what these supports include, and do not include:

<b>What the supports include</b>	<b>What the supports do not include</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optional resources for families to use to keep students engaged</li><li>• Meaningful activities to reinforce or extend current learning</li><li>• Guidance for families to support engagement</li><li>• Online resources with which students have familiarity</li><li>• Providing a handful of options</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replication of classroom instruction</li><li>• Assignments that will be collected, assessed, and graded</li><li>• Monitoring students' access of online tools / resources</li><li>• Providing an exhaustive list of options</li></ul>

There will be more information mid next week on how to access the various resources.

A few other important facts:

- Parent teacher conferences are cancelled.
- March 18 World Language Assessments will be rescheduled.
- The standardized SBA testing is suspended.

Watch for more information from the district tomorrow. Thank you again for your support as we all work together to do what is best for our students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ian Saltzman  
Everett Public Schools