



**April 3, 2020 Superintendent message to all staff**

**To staff via email:**

Tomorrow is the start of Spring Break 2020. It is probably going to look a little different than what you imagined your Spring Break would look like this year. This year more than ever, we all need a week away from the work to rest and recharge. We have been working differently than we are used to, learning so much about our work and ourselves, and under an immense amount of stress and anxiety, with a lot of uncertainty still in the future. I encourage you to take this time to take care of yourselves. Do what you and your family need to unwind, regroup and recharge.

I know not everyone has the week of Spring Break off work. In addition to the many employees who have Spring Break as part of their regular work schedule, we also have employees who are continuing the commendable work of feeding our students. Thank you to everyone who will continue to serve our kids in many ways over next week, and I do hope that you find time to decompress as well.

Last night Governor Inslee extended the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" mandate through May 4. To comply, we are now keeping schools closed until that time. We will continue to keep students engaged in learning remotely, as well as providing emergency meals. This also means extending your current working environment until May 4. If you are currently working from home, you will continue to do so.

We will keep you updated with any major news related to school and COVID-19 over the break, and plan on reengaging with all of you on Monday, April 13. In the meantime, take care of yourself and your loved ones. These are difficult times for our community and for our nation, but we will get through this together.

Stay home and stay healthy