

Dear Families:

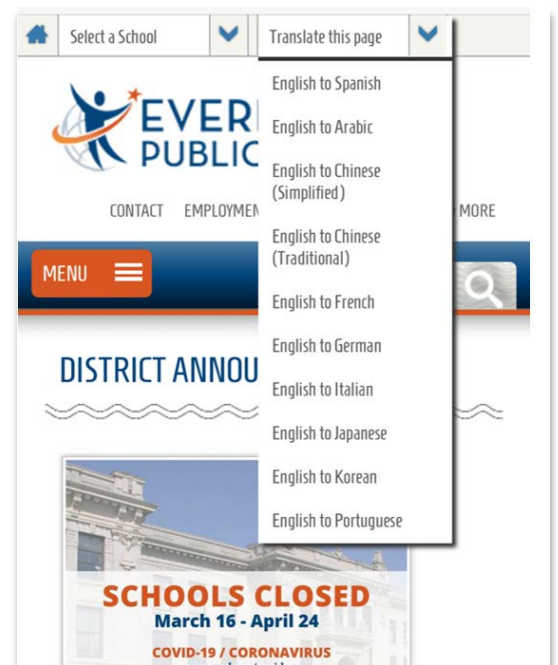
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Thank you all for your flexibility and patience as we work through hour by hour changes as directed by the governor.

Here are some important updates for today:

- **Athletics:** In light of further state restrictions on social distancing, all athletic practices are cancelled through March 31 and there will be no competition through April 24.
- **Call Center:** The Emergency Call Center will be activated starting Wednesday March 18, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have questions about the school closures and implications, call 425-385-5555. The number of days the Call Center is open will depend upon demand and will be revisited daily.
- **Spring Break:** Spring Break is still scheduled for April 6-10 as planned.
- **Information in various languages:**

- Did you know our district websites can be translated to multiple languages?
- There are more than 100 languages available in the drop-down menu at the top of the page. This is true of the district website and all school websites. Simply select “translate this page” and a Google translate window will open where you can select the language needed.
- Communications will be posting frequent updates to our website during school closures, so this will be the best place for families to access the most up to date information.



- **Student engagement and learning support:** You will be hearing from your child's principal today about ongoing learning support options. Tomorrow the district will provide more details and web links on where you can access learning resources for your student.
- **April 2020 Bond:** As we continue to work with local and state health officials to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 coronavirus, Everett Public Schools made the decision to postpone our April 28 bond. This decision was made after consultation with the Snohomish County Auditor's Office and new social distancing guidance from the governor. District officials are looking at later dates this year based on the evolving healthcare situation.

The need to build more schools, enhance safety, improve STEM opportunities and add space for students remains. However, our top priority is the health of our community. We will focus on ensuring our students have access to meals during this extended emergency district wide closure, and providing guidance for student engagement and learning support.

Now is the time to focus on coming together to help each other in responding to this worldwide health risk. We will determine the next steps for our bond and keep you posted. Thank you to all the staff and community members who have already put in a lot of time to helping determine our facility funding priorities. We look forward to revisiting these plans in the future.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Be well,

Ian Saltzman
Superintendent