

March 26, 2020

Dear Parents and Community Members –

I hope this update finds all of you safe and healthy. While we are certainly facing a difficult and unprecedented challenge with the COVID-19 virus, I remain confident and optimistic that together we can navigate these difficult times. Since the start of this crisis, I have continuously seen our staff, parents and community demonstrate hope, optimism and a “whatever it takes” attitude. This is exactly what makes Cashmere such a wonderful place to work and live.

On March 13th, Governor Inslee issued an executive order closing all public and private schools due to COVID-19. Included in his mandate, was the directive for schools to continue to offer/provide “essential services” including:

- Child Care for Medical Professionals and First-Responders
- Continuation of Student Meal Service
- Extended Learning Opportunities K-12

General Update:

Child Care:

Starting Monday, March 23rd, child care services for children of Medical Personnel and First-Responders started. The child care is provided at Vale Elementary and runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. If you have questions, please contact Rhett Morgan at rmorgan@cashmere.wednet.edu.

Student Meal Service:

Starting Thursday, March 19th, continuation of our student meal program was in place and operational. For students that live outside of the city limits, we are running our “late start” bus routes and delivering meals at each stop. For students living inside the city limits, meals can be picked up onsite at Vale Elementary from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily. Initially, just over 600 meals were distributed on the first day of service. That number has now risen to just over a 1000 meals per day. If you have questions regarding meal service, please contact Angela Allred at aallred@cashmere.wednet.edu.

K-12 Extended Learning:

The Cashmere School District is committed to providing extended learning opportunities during the closure. Our staff has worked extremely hard to transition from a traditional learning system into a “distance” learning system. This is challenging work for all involved, but we are committed to providing learning opportunities and resources for all students. In addition, we also have in mind our student’s social and emotional health and have asked our staff to connect with our families and students using email, technology, phones, etc. If you have questions about student learning, I encourage you to contact your student’s teacher(s). Staff are reading and responding to emails.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. Your hope, optimism and care for others during difficult times is uplifting and inspiring. My thoughts are with you all for health and safety. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (509) 782-3355.

With Respect,

Glenn