

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Staff and Community Members –

At 1:30 pm this afternoon, Governor Inslee issued an executive order closing all public and private schools in an effort to effectively slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Cashmere School District will be closed beginning Tuesday, March 17th through at least April 24th, 2020.

This decision is certainly not something we take lightly, and we haven't had much time to process all that the closure entails. With this unprecedented closure of schools, there is much to consider such as:

- How might we continue working together to provide learning experiences outside of the school?
- How might we continue to provide food service/meals for our children?
- How might we work with our community partners to continue to provide child care for medical professionals and working families?

Administration and staff are working collaboratively to answer these questions and so many more. While we do not have all the answers right now, I can assure you that the Cashmere School District staff and administration are committed to continuing to provide quality services for our students and families during this very difficult time.

We will be working throughout the weekend and early next week to formulate more detailed plans. The Cashmere School District will be sending out frequent updates as more information becomes available.

We are so grateful for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through these challenging times and uncharted territory. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or the Cashmere District Office (509) 782-3355 should you have any additional questions.

With respect,

Glenn Johnson, Superintendent
Cashmere School District