



SIERRA SANDS Unified School District

March 17, 2020

Dear Families:

I realize there is a massive impact on you as a result of the recent closure of Sierra Sands schools. I am concerned about the disruption all of this brings to our children - their academics, their activities, music, athletics, and so much more. We have kindergartners who are just starting their journey with us, and seniors whose entire "senior year experience" is severely altered. I am also deeply concerned about our community, especially as it relates to our families' sources of income and the normalcy that brings for our children. I regularly communicate with leaders throughout our community to be sure we are doing everything possible to support our community, during this temporary closure.

Right now, our two highest priorities, as it relates to our students and families in Sierra Sands, are:

- 1) Identify the best means and support of continuing educational opportunity for our students. This will include a mixture of paper and online delivery.
- 2) Provide "grab and go" food for breakfast and lunch for children, ages 1-18.

Tomorrow I will be sending out more specific information regarding the status of continuing educational opportunity for our students. So please stay tuned.

In the meantime, please feel free to receive free "grab and go" food for students at the following four school sites, between the times of 8:00-9:30 am and 11:00-1:00 pm:

- 1) James Monroe Middle School
- 2) Inyokern Elementary School
- 3) Pierce Elementary School
- 4) Faller Elementary School

We are all banding together to take care of our children in this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Dave Ostash
Superintendent