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Friday, March 27, 2020 Subject: Supplemental education plan communications

Dear Families,

We hope this communication finds you and your families healthy and well. We want to provide you an update. As of now, schools are ordered to be closed until April 28. We are working hard to help meet the needs of students and families, and preparing to reconnect teachers with students to provide supplemental education starting April 6.

Supports for Students During School Closures

First and foremost, we are providing support for the health and wellness of our students. Key supports to help ease the impacts of the school closure on families include providing free meals every weekday, available to all K–12 students and youth age 18 and under. The district's school-based health center at Churchill is remaining open (except during spring break). In addition, we have mental health and social services available. For information about supports for students and families during the school closure please click this link.

Update on Supplemental Education and Learning Supports (SEALS)

In the <u>Governor's Executive Order</u> that temporarily closed schools, she directed schools to provide access to Supplemental Education and Learning Supports (SEALS) during the closure. All students will have access to supplemental learning opportunities that review, extend and enrich content. We are implementing this in phases:

<u>Phase One</u>: The school district has made <u>home learning enrichment activities</u> available online for families, and is creating paper packets to be available for families offline.

<u>Phase Two:</u> The second phase involves providing supplemental education and learning support to all students, including online learning.

During the week after spring break (March 30–April 3), the district will work to distribute loaner student devices and provide internet connectivity to any family in need, and provide teachers with professional development and collaborative planning time to develop supplemental education content to provide to students. Teachers will reconnect with students to provide supplemental education and learning supports starting the week of April 6–10.

Eugene School District 4J can help provide a device or internet access for your student to be able to access learning online. If you have not already done so, please complete the 4J Student Home Technology Survey as soon as possible: tinyurl.com/4Jtechsurvey . If you don't have any

way to complete the survey online, please call <u>541-790-7530</u> (English) or <u>541-790-7531</u> (Spanish). We are asking all families to complete the survey, whether or not you need support. Families in need of technology will be contacted next week about next steps.

Paper packets also will be distributed for students to pick up at free meal sites starting next week or families may request them from their school. Materials also will be available online for families to print at home. These resources are available in English and Spanish.

Families of students with IEPs can expect your case manager to connect with you in the next two weeks, with more information on how we will be supporting your students' learning at home. Paper packets prepared individually for our students receiving special education in Life Skills were mailed home last week.

<u>Next Steps:</u> There are still important details yet to be determined by the State of Oregon. The Oregon Department of Education is expected in the coming days to provide direction about the requirements for SEALS, and to announce revised graduation requirements for current seniors. High schools will then work with every senior to determine what is needed to help them graduate. We will continue to provide updates as we have more information available.

Please stay healthy and well! We miss you and look forward to schools being able to be open again. We will get through this together. We will continue to communicate as we know more.

Sincerely,
[Principal]