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Dear Riddle School District Families,

As you have likely heard, Oregon Governor Kate Brown has extended the closure of Oregon schools to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The governor's new orders, announced Tuesday, mean that schools will be closed until April 28.

We understand that this is a difficult time for students and families. Our top priority right now is the safety and health of our students and staff. We are also working diligently to plan for our students' return to school, to support our graduating seniors and to provide continuity of learning to the extent possible. We are looking for additional guidance from the Oregon Department of Education on how to equitably deliver instruction to all students during this extended closure.

As we work through this difficult situation, please know that:

- We will continue to provide grab-and-go meals for all children under 18 during the extended closure.
- Our facilities will remain closed to students and most staff during the extended closure.
- Our custodians will deep clean all surfaces in our schools, closing off rooms when complete, to ensure they remain disinfected for when students and staff return.
- We will be providing supplemental educational materials through a delivery and pick-up model to your children during the week days on a scheduled route.

While our students are away from school, please help them understand the importance of this national health emergency by encouraging social distancing, good hand-washing skills, avoiding people who are sick, and covering their coughs and sneezes. Gatherings of more than 10 people are not recommended by the U.S. government at this time.

We appreciate your understanding as we navigate this challenging and quickly evolving situation. You can continue to find more information and resources at the following websites:

- Douglas Public Health Network: www.douglaspublichealthnetwork.org
- Oregon Health Authority: www.oregon.gov/oha
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- Douglas Education Service District: www.douglasesd.k12.or.us/covid-19-information-and-resources

We will continue to communicate updates to students, families and staff as additional information becomes available and more plans are put into place to manage this extended closure.

Thank you for your support and all you are doing to help stop the spread of this virus and protect our communities.

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