

## Student and Family update for 3-15-20

This unprecedented time has created challenges for families and students. Reedsport School District (RSD) remains committed to the families and students that we serve during this time of school closure. At this time we know the following information:

1. RSD will serve grab-and-go style meals to all school aged children. There will be many sites served. The schedule is:

### **Reedsport School District GRAB N' LUNCH SYSTEM Remote Site Schedule**

**Effective Dates:** March 16 – 20; March 23 - 27 and March 30-31

#### **Reedsport**

Highland Elementary	11am to 11:20am
Circle Drive – High School	11:15am to 11:25am
Henderson Park	11:35am to 11:55am
Gardiner-Fire Department	12:05pm to 12:15pm
Hawthorne Complex	12:25pm to 12:35pm
Skate Park – Lion's Park	12:40pm to 12:44pm

#### **Winchester Bay**

Philip Boe Park	1:05pm to 1:15pm
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2. We are currently directed by Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to deal with this closure as a “snow day”. RSD will keep families and student apprised of when (if any) make-up days are scheduled. RSD is advised by ODE to not make this decision too soon due to the rapidly evolving situation surrounding the closures. RSD is advised that new updates from ODE will arrive at some point between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March. RSD commits to robocalls, emails, Facebook, and websites updates when these updates occur and any time necessary information needs to go out to families.
3. All activity during the closure is suspended and/or canceled. This includes athletic practices and contests, field trips, standardized testing (like SAT/ACT), after school events, etc. The schools will have custodial staff working during this closure but the offices will not be open. Please consider email or leaving a phone message if you have questions but be aware that a response could be much slower than usual. The most relevant and up to date information will go on

the website, email, and Facebook pages. Robocalls will announce these changes.

This is the statement from ODE describing why schools were closed:

*“Oregon’s schools were closed because they were challenged to functionally operate schools due to workforce issues and student absences. Schools were experiencing critical shortages in staff, and superintendents are concerned for school personnel who are at elevated risk such as those over age 60 and those with underlying medical issues. The schools were not closed to stop the spread of the coronavirus - under current [CDC guidelines](#), this strategy is not warranted at this time.”*

4. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Cover your coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. [Find additional CDC resources on how to clean and disinfect schools.](#)

Wash hands for 20 seconds. Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of germs. For more guidance see the [CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands](#). If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

Please know that this is an unprecedented decision being made at the state level. Many students, staff, and community members have questions about what is happening and what to expect. RSD will do our best to communicate on a regular basis and will strive to only report from reliable sources. RSD is committed to following the guidance of local and state health authorities, the ODE, and the Governor. We appreciate your support and patience as we all work through this unique situation.

Thank you,

Jon Zwemke, RSD Superintendent