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-----3/17/20 Update - New Information and Updates in Red-----

Okoboji Parents and Families,

We want to take a moment to update you with more information regarding the four-week school closure issued by Governor Kim Reynolds. Below are a few important highlights you need to know:

- **Guidance from the State:** Please know that all decisions are being made with guidance and direction from the Iowa State Legislature and Governor as well as the Department of Education. Please see [this document](#) from the Iowa Department of Education outlining the reason for much of the information below.
- **Facility Use and Access:** District facilities have now been closed to the public and will remain so throughout the duration of this closure.
- **OCSD will provide meal access during the closure:** Any district resident 18 years old and under are welcome to pick up free breakfast and lunch at Okoboji High School Monday-Friday between 8:00-9:30 AM. The pickup location is near the South Gym entrance. This service will start on Wednesday, March 18th. See [map](#) (PDF) or [map](#) (JPG) for traffic flow. In order to get an idea of how many meals to prepare, A'Viands has asked us to share [this survey](#) and ask parents to fill it out. It will only take a moment.
- **Teaching and Learning:** PK-12 learning, including special education services, will be suspended until further notice. We do not yet know the status of online college courses. Several parents have inquired about online resources that may be available to support academic learning during this time. As we have said, we are NOT requiring student participation but we certainly want to support families as you strive to create some normalcy and learning for your children. Please know the most important thing you can do is care for and love your family and friends at this time. The resources we share are only meant to support your effort to care for your loved ones and please do not feel pressure to use these academic tools. They are simply optional supports. Some of the most popular, useful, and free resources include:
 - [Khan Academy & Khan Academy Kids](#) - Grade-specific resources in multiple subject areas. You can create an account and assign virtual lessons to your child(ren).
 - [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) - Day to day projects that keep kids reading, thinking, and growing while covering a variety of science and social studies topics for grades PK-6+.
 - [Zearn](#) - This is a math resource that aligns directly with our current math curriculum. Many students already have accounts. Feel free to email your teacher to see if that is the case for your child. This resource is more commonly used at OES and OMS.
 - [HERE](#) is an updated list of all resources that have been made free for all during this difficult time.
- **Makeup Days:** The State has passed legislation that waives the hours/days requirement for this school year and is forgiving days missed during this four-week closure due to COVID-19.
- **Communications:** The district has added a direct link to our website (www.okobojischools.org/COVID-19) in order to house all communications and updates. Included on this website are direct links to the CDC and the Iowa Department of Public Health.
- **Following CDC Guidelines:** The purpose of this closure is to provide social distancing. Social distancing increases the space between people and reduces the chance of contagion and spread. It is only effective if we all do our part. We **STRONGLY** recommend all of our students, staff, and families to follow guidelines shared by the Centers for Disease Control. Do not gather in groups, stay home as much as possible, and reduce your direct interactions with others. For further guidance please see the [CDC recommendations](#) on helping our community stay safe and healthy.
- **Questions:** Contact the District Office (712-338-4757) or by email to Supt. Todd Abrahamson at tabrahamson@okobojischools.org.