Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members,

As promised, continuous communication and planning are taking place. Below is an update on what has been established to date.

Meals for Students: The District will provide meal packs to include breakfast and lunch, Monday – Friday from 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM beginning today, March 17. Meals will be distributed and available for pick-up at Almira Lion’s Park. This will continue from M-F unless the situation statewide changes.

Academics: All Districts have been instructed by OSPI to provide only equitable learning opportunities. Equity means more than just technology access. It includes instructional services for students with IEPs, English Language Learners, 504s, Homeless students, etc.

At this time, we are planning to develop optional activities, online resources, projects, and games. These optional resources and activities are recommended (not required) to help students continue to learn and build their skills. Teachers have begun to work through organizing these resources.

We understand that we cannot replicate what happens in person in our classrooms and we don’t expect our parents to teach our content areas to our students. However, we do want to give our students the opportunity to continue their engagement and knowledge of learning. We are working on creating a list of resources that you can make available to your child. These resources will also be posted to our website.

We will continue to look for ways to authentically engage your child as we maneuver this extended closure. Teachers will be emailing parents to inform and help guide and support your child.

Student Support: As more information is learned and shared about the spread of COVID-19, you may notice your child experiencing a wide range of emotions. The District can provide resources to help you talk with your child about school closures, manage anxiety and stress, and share facts about the virus.

Finally, this is new territory for all of us. The District is working with local and state officials, including the state education agency, OSPI, to navigate this evolving situation and provide inclusive support.

If you have additional questions, please review the fact sheet that will be on the Coronavirus COVID-19 webpage shortly. Any questions that are unanswered by the fact sheet can be shared through the following information lines:

Email your questions to sschmerer@almirasd.org.

Thank you,
Shauna Schmerer, Superintendent