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Greeting Members of the AEBSD Community:

I hope you had a wonderful and joyous Thanksgiving! I also want to express my thankfulness for the Aleutian's East Borough School District staff and teachers who have worked very hard during this difficult year to give our children an excellent education.

Several members of our AEBSD staff are preparing to travel and visit their families during the upcoming holiday break. We expect the same to be true of some students and their family members.

As you may be aware, transmission rates of infections are up nation-wide and in Alaska. We are asking everyone who is traveling to be mindful that we do not want to be responsible for the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

In anticipation of people traveling from out-of-state entering back into our communities, the Schools of the Aleutians East Borough will not be open to students during the first week after Christmas Break. That week will be distance learning only. Please be aware that if you are traveling for the Holiday, this is will give you an opportunity to quarantine and for your children to be back at school on schedule.

Distance learning will begin on the first scheduled day of school, that is January 4. Teachers will work from school while self isolating in their classrooms. Provided that we can successfully curtail any potential community spread of COVID-19, school is scheduled to be open to students on January 11.

If you are traveling, please be aware of national and state mandates. You can find more information about traveling back into Alaska at the following link: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>

The Aleutians East Borough has been able to maintain some of the lowest transmission rates of COVID-19 in the State. We believe we can continue protecting our communities by following guidelines established in conjunction with EATS. Please take some time to read over the attached AEBSD travel policy so othat we can continue successfully keeping our schools open while simultaneously protecting our communities. We are all in this together. We must do the right thing during these challenging times in order to protect our elders and healthcare providers, while providing an excellent education to our children. Please feel free to contact the AEBSD District Office at 383-5222 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for working hard to protect the Aleutians East, and have a wonderful Holiday season!

Sincerely,

Patrick Mayer,
Superintendent