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Dear friends and families,

This letter is to address the constantly evolving situation related to Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19 as it relates to your children and our district.

Because community transmission has occurred in California, we are preparing for possible impacts and taking precautions to prevent the spread of this and other infectious diseases. We are committed to working closely with the Siskiyou County Public Health Department in response to this continually evolving situation.

Several measures are already underway including:

- daily and careful cleaning of surfaces with which students come in contact
- sending any staff or students home immediately who present with a fever or respiratory infection symptoms
- encouraging all students and staff to
 - stay home when sick
 - cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or sleeve
 - wash hands frequently

These are the measures we will take if there are two or more community transmission cases, but no individuals at the school have tested positive:

- Staff members with any fever or respiratory infection symptoms will not come to work
- We will not allow visitors to the school who have a fever or respiratory infection symptoms or who have a travel history over the course of the last 14 days to an area identified by the CDC as Level 3 Travel Health Notice.
- Halt assemblies
- Implement staggered recess times to limit the number of students who are together; and if possible, group recess by classrooms

These are the measures we will take if one student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and exposed others at the school:

- In consultation with the local public health department, we may consider if school closure is warranted, and the length of time will be based on the risk level within the community as determined by the local public health officer
- In consultation with the local public health department, we may determine readmission criteria after the school closures
- We will implement communication plans for school closure to include outreach to students, parents, staff, and the community
- If appropriate, we will develop a plan for continuity of education, medical and social services, and meal programs and establish alternate mechanisms for these to continue.

School closures may entail a school dismissal model where the students stay home but the staff members come to work and continue all student learning at a distance, or they may entail closing the schools completely and making up for lost days at the end of the school year. We are also prepared to seek appropriate attendance relief through the CA Education Department.