



Winlock School District

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Dear Winlock Families,

As you know, we are facing an unprecedented public health crisis in our state and world.

We have kept our schools open as long as possible, as recommended by state and local public health authorities. We know that in addition to education, schools provide vital support to our communities and that closure will have a major impact on our families.

This afternoon just before 2 pm, Governor Jay Inslee ordered the closure of all schools in Washington State until April 24. Lewis County Superintendents have been meeting via teleconference today, and have agreed to a unified approach around school closure. **Starting Monday, March 16, our schools will close through Friday, April 24, 2020.** Public health officials have advised us that a sustained closure can help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Monday March 16, 2020, school office staff will be available to assist families who need to pick up medication and personal items.

We are currently in the process of developing district plans to support students with non-educational services as requested by the Governor and OSPI. Further communication regarding these services will be forthcoming.

The Winlock School District will provide regular updates to the staff, students, parents and community via Skyward email, District and school websites and social media. This will include regular updates from local and state health officials.

We recognize that this disruption in our normal school year has an impact on our students, our families and our staff.

Thank you for your support and patience as we work together as a community to focus on public health.

Sincerely,

Garry Cameron