March 27th, 2020
Dear Chelan Students and Parents,

I hope this latest update finds each of you healthy and well. Working within an ever-evolving situation, we have been busy delivering meals in support of all youth and families throughout our school district. At the same time, our staff is actively engaged in the planning and preparation of developing quality learning opportunities for all our students. Here is the latest update following the Governor’s recent “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order.

SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED
All school offices are closed through the April 6th or until the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order has been lifted. The School District Office will be open from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please call the District Office at 682-3515 with any inquiries you have regarding student learning and/or food service during the closure.

FOOD SERVICE
Meal service will continue through Spring Break with some modifications. **Beginning Monday, April 6th all meals will be distributed at Morgen Ownings Elementary School between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:30 pm.** We will no longer be distributing meals at Chelan Middle/High School. Mobile pick-up will be available at the MOE bus zone on Woodin Avenue. We will continue to distribute meals between 10:30 am and 11:30 am at Apple Acres and Chelan Falls. We will also be delivering meals to Stayman Flats. Thrive Chelan Valley will continue to distribute weekend food bags from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm behind Chelan Middle/High School.

CONTINUATION OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
It is our goal to have a greater online learning presence following Spring Break starting the week of April 13th. We are in the process of refining our learning support and Principals at each school will communicate with parents and students as information is available. It is critical to note that it will take time to transition from our current face-to-face model to an online model. This will not be seamless or without bumps, but please know that our educators are working diligently to deliver quality learning opportunities for ALL students. Working through a lens of equity, the learning opportunities have been designed with the intent of ensuring students are able to complete activities at home. Resources can be accessed digitally and/or in hard copy formats. We will continue to assess the needs of our students and make necessary adjustments in the ensuing weeks. Also, we will update and refresh materials as new resources become available. These resources and packets are optional and not required, nor will they be graded at this time.

Currently all schools are still in the early phases of planning and adjusting based on current state guidance, which is changing on an almost daily basis. Presently, the district is providing instruction through printed, technology-based materials, or a combination of both. A list of learning resources by grade level (K-12) was posted on the district website and can be accessed at [http://www.chelanschools.org/o/district/page/home-learning-resources--3](http://www.chelanschools.org/o/district/page/home-learning-resources--3)

Following is a brief summary of current services and learning opportunities:

**I. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES:** Our Special Education staff is committed to keeping their students safe and the lines of communication open to the students they serve. They are also committed to working with their students throughout the school closure in order to ensure that they obtain the credits they need to be eligible to graduate. IEP meetings will be held electronically. Case managers and specialists are in the process of contacting families via telephone to identify needs.

**II. CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Students will begin receiving learning activities and assignments from teachers beginning March 30th. These assignments are to be considered mandatory, will be turned in to teachers, and will be entered into Skyward. Students should be checking their Google Classrooms and Canvas for assignments as well as spending time working on a daily basis. Multiple opportunities will be in place to ensure our seniors remain on track for graduation.
III. CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Students should be checking teacher Google Classroom and Canvas pages on a regular basis. Parents can find resources to help support students on the Suite 360 program – the flyer to enroll is posted in the document section of the CMS page. Students are encouraged to check the counseling google classroom for helpful information. For students who do not have internet, please contact the district office (509-682-3515) or email mashayekhg@chelanschools.org to arrange for printed materials.

IV. MORGEN OWINGS ELEMENTARY: Learning opportunity menus (paper packets) and report cards were mailed out earlier this week. Kindergarten through fourth grade students will have a new School-to-Home Practice and Learning Packet available weekly after Spring Break. Packets of new resources will be posted online at the Home Learning Site beginning Monday, April 13th. Hard copies of packets will also be available on Monday mornings beginning April 13th during the lunch-pick up hours of 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Families may drop off paper copies of students’ work for teacher feedback during lunch pick-up beginning Monday, March 30th, or e-mail completed work to their child’s teacher. All teachers are in the process of reaching out to families through phone and/or e-mail to connect with students and learn what needs families may have at this time.

Digital Learning Opportunities:
Grade 1-4 students who have access to the internet have the option of picking up a Chromebook once they have informed their classroom teacher. Parents will be able to pick-up Chromebooks this Thursday and Friday between 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at the MOE Bus Zone on Woodin Avenue. Please drive into the lunch lane, pick up lunch and breakfast for your children if you would like, then continue down the bus lane for Chromebook pick-up.

Fifth Grade students will be transitioning to a distance learning platform beginning April 13th. To prepare for this transition, students who may require a Chromebook are required to inform their classroom teacher first and then pick them up this coming Wednesday, April 1st between 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in the MOE Bus Zone on Woodin Avenue. Please drive into the lunch lane, pick up lunch and breakfast for your children if you would like, then continue down the bus lane for Chromebook pick up. More information will be forth coming on the school automated message dialer soon.

V. CHELAN SCHOOL OF INNOVATION: Students are to continue working on their goals and individual Learning Plans and on-line coursework. It is important that you continue to document your work during the school closure period.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF
In addition to Canvas and Google Classroom platforms at the middle and high school level, all district staff will be available for virtual office hours from 12:30 pm -3:30 pm via email. Students are encouraged to email their teachers for assistance during this time period. Parents are encouraged to call or email teachers for information pertaining to course work or learning opportunities.

LEARNING RESOURCES
The Lake Chelan School District is committed to ensuring equitable access to learning opportunities. In the event that you do not have access to the internet or would prefer non-digital resources, students should contact teachers directly or call the Lake Chelan School District main office at: 509-682-3515. Once we hear from you, we will make arrangements with you to pick up resources.

Sincerely,

Barry P. DePaoli, Superintendent