

RE-1 Valley Families and Community:

Given that it is unknown as to when the COVID-19 virus will peak in Colorado and in particular Northeastern Colorado, RE-1 Valley School District desires to provide direction for what parents, students, teachers, and staff should expect for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. While teachers miss their students and students miss their teachers and classmates, for the safety of our District and community, it has been decided to continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year, May 28, 2020. Under the current circumstances, remote learning is the best option to keep education and enrichment moving forward. This proactive decision to continue with distance learning, gives everyone involved more time to plan for the successful completion of the current year. The RE-1 Valley lunch program will continue through May 28, 2020, and may directly transition into the Summer Food Program.

The RE-1 Valley School District decision is based on the current No In-Person Learning and Stay at Home orders of Governor Polis and his direction that school districts can lengthen their suspension of In-Person Learning past the April 30 deadline. Guiding this decision was information from state public health officials indicating that while Colorado is seeing a slower increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, it will be a few weeks before there is enough information to determine how and when social distancing measures can be lifted.

RE-1 Valley School District is not alone in making this decision. Fourteen of the largest districts in Colorado made this joint announcement last Friday.

It is RE-1 Valley's hope to hold graduation ceremonies to recognize the Class of 2020. Updates on plans for these ceremonies will be provided by high school principals.

Currently, the District intends to have students back in their buildings for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

“While we may experience a few bumps and glitches, we are RE-1 strong. We appreciate all the work being done by our teachers and staff and thank the parents and community for their commitment and support through this challenging time.” Dennis Kaan, RE-1 Board President.