



March 19, 2020

To: All Mount Baker School District Parents & Guardians

Re: School Closure Supports

Dear students, staff, families and community,

School is a lonely place without students and staff. Please know that you are all in my thoughts. I hope that you are staying healthy and enjoying the sunshine while being away from school and work.

Currently, we are only able to provide enrichment activities for learning. Check out the resources on our website for both elementary and secondary students. There are some fun learning links that should keep students engaged with positive activities. Nothing is required. We are providing the resources as a support to all of you while you are home with your children.

Next week teachers will be reaching out to families by phone. You may or may not recognize the phone number calling you. Please answer to ensure you are able to connect with teachers. They will have some questions that will help them gather data on needs, internet access, technology availability, etc. Staff members will be spending the week planning ways to connect with students and support them during this time.

I know that seniors are concerned about this closure and how this might impact graduation. Please be reassured that we are working on this issue. Supporting seniors in meeting requirements is a top priority. We are getting further guidance from the State Board of Education and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. We will keep you posted regarding any information that impacts graduation.

“Reverse the Baker Bus” will continue to deliver multiple meals at bus stops each Tuesday and Friday. I am truly grateful for our amazing child nutrition and transportation departments for making this happen. Even though spring break is scheduled for April 6 – 10, we will provide meals that week. Anyone 0 – 18 years of age can access these meals whether they are enrolled in Mount Baker School District or not.

- If you received food Tuesday, please be at your stop 15 minutes before and if needed 15 minutes after the time the bus arrived at your stop Tuesday.

- Acme routes 11 and 13 will be in the window of 10:00-11:00 a.m. Routes 14 and 12 should be between 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please allow a little time on both ends to ensure you are at your stop at the delivery time.
- After the bus runs are completed around 12:00, a bus will go to Harmony for anyone who does not have a stop or did not receive meals. If you go to Harmony, please stay in your car. When the bus arrives only one person at a time will be served to practice social distancing.
- We are working to get times narrowed down, but we anticipate distributing more meals Friday than we did on Tuesday. Please give us grace on the time frame as we hone our process.

We are thrilled to be able to provide this service to the community. Thank you for all of your positive comments regarding "Reverse the Baker Bus."

This is a trying time for everyone. It is important to acknowledge that we all play a role in keeping our community safe and flattening the curve on the spread of COVID-19. At this point in time with the information we have, we are planning on resuming school on April 27, 2020. If there are any changes to this plan, we will let you know.

Most staff members including District Office are working remotely. If you have questions that I can address, please email me at msewright@mtbaker.wednet.edu or call me at 360-617-4600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Sewright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary Sewright, Superintendent