



**SCOTIA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Scotia School Family,

At this time, due to the seriousness of the current COVID-19 pandemic and in response to recommendations by the Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Humboldt County Office of Education, and Humboldt County's Public Health Officer, the Scotia School building will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. If anything changes with the above recommendations and the Shelter in Place and Stay at Home Orders, we will reevaluate the decision to remain closed through June 11, 2020.

Although our school building will be closed to the public, school is still in session. Teachers are working hard to continue teaching and learning, but we are doing it from home. This is an unprecedented time, and we appreciate your support and patience as we develop the best plan for distance learning opportunities for our students and families.

School staff will continue to keep in contact with families. Teachers are currently explaining to parents the transition to online based lesson delivery. Work packets will still be handed out and collected on Wednesdays. Students are expected to complete this work, and take part in distance meetings and check-ins, as well as participate in distance lessons. This can be done online or by using a telephone. If families need assistance with internet service or securing a device to access the internet, please discuss this with your child's teacher. We are here to help.

We have a wonderful staff that is set up to offer support to our students from home. If your child is struggling with work, please contact your child's teacher or call the school. The voicemail will be checked regularly. Again, we are here to help.

Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Chris Hartley, supports school campuses being physically closed through the end of the academic year and applauds district efforts in meeting student needs, including the massive response in providing school meals.

Our amazing cafeteria staff will continue to provide bagged breakfasts and lunches, but will be changing to distributing meals only on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning April 20. Multiple meals will be distributed on these days. The meals are free to any child 18 years or younger and may be picked up by either students or their parents/guardians. Students who live in a different town may pick up meals at the school closest to their home.

During this time, we are encouraging everyone to continue to shelter in place and to honor social distancing guidelines. We sincerely hope you and your family remain safe and healthy. The school office will be open every Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, call the school, or call me at home at 786-4041.

Take Care,

Amy Gossien