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Dear Central Curry School District 1 Students and Families,

Over the past few weeks, the COVID-19 pandemic has confronted our community with rapidly changing and unprecedented challenges to overcome. Among the impacts on our day-to-day lives is the ever-shifting educational environment that our students are facing. It is our top priority to help students stay the course in their learning and to provide steady footing for families throughout the process.

Earlier this week, the Oregon Department of Education issued new guidance for Oregon public schools. Previous guidance called on schools to provide short-term "supplemental learning" during the current school closure period. This new guidance calls for a more **substantive, graded, and credit bearing** distance education for all students. In issuing this new guidance, the state acknowledged the possibility that the school closure may be extended beyond the current April 28 date.

The state has called on school districts to create a ***Distance Learning for All*** plan by April 13. Next week staff and teachers will begin their lessons and education supports through learning packets and online resources. ***Distance Learning for All*** does NOT mean exclusively online learning. We recognize that not all students and families have internet access and/or devices. Packets will be available for pick-up at Riley Creek School during the daily meal service from 11:00 – 12:30. Those families who signed up for home meal delivery will have learning packets delivered on Fridays. Lessons will also be posted on each of the school's websites. Click on [Distance Learning Resources](#) and then on the teacher's name. It will be updated weekly.

The idea that schools are closed likely adds to the anxiety and concerns students and families are feeling. We completely understand and want to assure you that we are here for our students and families through this challenge. We are proud of the work our staff and teachers have been doing to support our students through this worldwide crisis. Our staff are dedicated, caring and inspiring members of this community, and together we will find our way through this challenging time. We appreciate your patience and support as we embark on this journey with you.

Sincerely,

Tim Wilson