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Hello Nestucca Valley School District Family,

I am just checking in to offer a few updates that have been finalized over the past two days.

- 1) The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has applied for and received a waiver from the federal government concerning state testing. Students will not have to take state tests this year.**
- 2) Today ODE will release revised graduation guidelines for senior students, taking into account the extended school closure and seniors inability to access attaining credits. I will share these new guidelines once ODE has finalized the requirements. Simply put, seniors will need fewer credits to graduate. Our staff has audited our senior transcripts, with the new guidelines, and our graduating class is in very good shape.**
- 3) Friday ODE will release guidance for credit attainment for 9th-11th graders.**
- 4) On Monday our administrative team will hold an online meeting to plan how we will communicate with seniors and senior's parents concerning diploma attainment. Staff members will be scheduling a phone call with each senior student and explaining the new guidance. I understand how stressful this has been for parents and senior students, with all of the unknown variables. Please know that our high school team is ready to take action to make sure our seniors are awarded diplomas, and other high school students attain credits. Our team will also continue to work with soon to be graduates on post high school plans and scholarships.**
- 5) K-8 instruction will take on a supplemental approach. This work will also begin for our staff next week. The challenge is, I am not able to invite staff back into the buildings yet. We will be working collaboratively online, next week, to roll out a supplemental school work structure to families on the week of April 6th.**
- 6) OSAA has extended the no practice no competition for high school sports through April 28. This includes no community or youth groups accessing school facilities for recreation**
- 7) Our staff has already started to generate supplemental things for students to access while home. Those can be found on our Facebook pages. Next week we will work on our district webpage to transform it into a "one stop" access point for families during the school closure. That way, if you are not a Facebook user, you will still have access to the updates.**

That sums it up for today. I have been checking facilities each day, and in my venture out it is evident that our community is taking the “stay home stay safe” order seriously. Thank you! I wish all communities were, but we can only control our environment.

**Please try not to worry about school work, and graduation this week. Enjoy your family and focus on taking care of our community. Next week we will shift gears and create a plan for how to engage our kids in academics. For now, let’s focus on health and wellbeing. We are all in this together and we got this! Take care
Misty**

