March 17, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sherman County School Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

I am sure many of you have already heard the Governor's Executive Order announcement that was communicated today regarding extending the statewide school closure for students through April 28. Like all other superintendent's around the state, I am currently analyzing this information. I am also communicating directly with the Oregon Department of Education to receive further guidance regarding the recent directives. Please know that our entire staff is working diligently and collaborating on ways to continue delivering instruction and learning supports to students through appropriate options. The implementation of these various strategies will not take place until April 1.

The free food bags and nonperishable breakfast items will continue to be delivered on March 18, 19, 20, 30, and 31, at the same times and locations as previously communicated. We will also be developing a new plan that will extend the free meals through April 28.

Over the next week, we will continue to gather information and develop a comprehensive plan that we will communicate by April 1. It is our sincere goal to do our very best to serve our students and entire school community.

Thank you for your incredible support and patience as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 situation in Oregon and Sherman County.

Stay safe and please care for your family, friends and community.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens
Superintendent