March 27, 2020

Greetings NJUHSD Family,

In continued effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible, NJUHSD will extend the closure of all schools in the district, through May 1st. This decision was made in concurrence with Nevada County Public Health, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office, and all other public schools in Nevada County.

During this time, all residents are expected to strictly adhere to the “shelter-in-place” order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom and to stay home, except for essential activities, until further notification from the county health department. Nevada Joint Union High School District will continue with the Distance Learning protocols that began this week.

I would also like to remind you and share a few new pieces of information with you at this time.

1. Our Nutrition and Food Services program will be making meals available to all students 18 years of age and younger this coming Tuesday, March 31st. Drive thru pickups of meal bags being provided at Nevada Union and Bear River High Schools parking lots, between 11:30 and 1:00. Each bag contains 4 breakfasts and 4 lunches. Children no longer need to be present in order for meals to be provided.

2. Counseling services for mental health remain available to our students and families through our STARS program (STudent Assistance and Resource and Services). Services can be accessed by contacting Julianne Henry to make an appointment. Julieanne can be reached at 530.273.4431 ext. 2034, or jhenry@njuhsd.com.

3. Our very own school psychologist, Vicky Stanton created a helpful document titled, Sheltering in Place - Suggestions for the Family. Please see this attachment for some helpful tips for working with your students at home.

4. Lastly, the Superintendent of Schools Office has created the following website, full of helpful resources for students, families and educators - County Distance Learning Classroom - https://sites.google.com/prsd.us/distancelearning/student-resources?authuser=0

Finally, I want to give a big shout out to all of our county teachers and school employees who have spent the last two week innovating, coordinating, disinfecting, prioritizing and considering all decision-making in light of what is best for our students and county residents. These have been challenging times for all of us, and our educational community has so far risen to the challenge.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding. Be safe, wash your hands, and take good care.

Best,
Dan Frisella
Assistant Superintendent