March 16, 2020

Dear Students and Families:

Superintendent Lewis determined that all Yolo County Office of Education schools and programs in Winters will be closed beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020 in an effort to aggressively slow the spread of COVID-19. This school closure includes all classroom instruction, school activities, sports, enrichment programs, Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, etc. We are committed to keeping you updated with information as soon as it becomes available.

We recognize the significant impact this extended closure will have on our entire community, students, families, and staff. Closing Yolo County Office of Education’s schools and programs for this duration mid-year is unprecedented; however, your student’s safety is our top priority. We acknowledge the anxiety this may cause our students, especially our seniors who are focused on graduation and those students who depend on schools for critical services. We also recognize the burden this may place on our staff and working families.

Yolo County Office of Education is in regular contact with local and state officials to ensure we are working together to address the needs of our school communities, and we will be working in partnership with the Superintendent of Public Instruction on what this extended closure means for the school year calendar. As soon as we have more information, we will share it with you. Below are additional updates:

Student Meal Support

Beginning Monday, March 16th, Yolo County Office of Education will be partnering with Winters Joint Unified School District to provide FREE meals for children 18 and under during the closure. Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick-up through a drive-thru meal service from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Meals will be available at Waggoner Elementary School located at 500 Edwards Street, Winters, CA 95694. Meal service may not be available during the district’s spring break which is scheduled for March 23-27, 2020.

A map of all student meal service locations in Yolo County can be found at: bit.ly/FoodforYoloStudents

Deep Cleaning of Campuses and Classrooms

While school is out, deep cleaning of all campuses will occur. This deep cleaning includes sports equipment, play structures, and a thorough cleaning of all surfaces throughout our program sites.
Thank You to our Community and Staff!

Thank you for your patience and support during this difficult time. It is essential to remain supportive of one another to support community well-being.

If you have questions, please contact Carolynne Beno at 530-668-6700 or carolynne.beno@vcoe.org.

Sincerely,

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Yolo County Superintendent of Schools