

April 8, 2020

Good afternoon Oregon Trail parents,

I hope you have been able to find a little peace and this letter reaches you and your family in good health. The confines we find ourselves in during Governor Brown's latest executive order have proven to be taxing at best. We are trying to be mindful of the stressors this crisis has placed on our families. Distance Learning, as the entire state is now engaging in, isn't perfect and we were hopeful that it would be short lived. Until today, the state had planned to return students to school on April 28th. At a news conference earlier in the day Governor Brown announced she was closing schools for the remainder of the year and distance learning would occur until our final student day in June.

This year long closure does not change our direction or negatively impact any of the work your students have already delivered on. We remain committed to engaging our students in distance learning opportunities and preparing them to enter their 2020/2021 school year. The Oregon Department of Education also announced today the final guidelines for creating a pathway to graduation for seniors, including:

- Seniors will receive credit for any course in which they were passing at the time of the extended school closure (March 13), and
- High schools will provide additional focus on securing credit-earning opportunities and learning for seniors who were not yet passing all required courses at the time of the school closure, giving them a path forward to a 2020 graduation.

On or before April 30th Sandy High School Seniors will receive follow-up communication from SHS staff regarding their graduation status as of the date of the school closure.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Aaron Bayer