

## Yuma School District-1

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On April 20, 2020 Governor Jared Polis shared new guidelines to lift the stay at home order and shift to "safer at home" guidelines. This morning on a call with Governor Polis and the Commissioner of Education, Katy Anthes, we were informed that in-person education will be canceled for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. Additionally, CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford Green announced that the remainder of the high school spring sports season has been canceled.

YSD-1 has been working hard to provide essential, accessible systems for student learning during this time of COVID-19. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding as we work through this difficult time. We had hoped for the potential to be able to resume some kind of in person activities this year but unfortunately, this will no longer be possible.

All school district buildings will remain closed and all activities through May 19<sup>th</sup> will be canceled. YSD-1 Schools will continue remote instruction during this time.

In compliance with the Governor's orders, buildings will remain closed to any on-site activities until social distancing restrictions are lifted. As far as activities beyond the official end of school year date of May 19<sup>th</sup>, including a potential graduation ceremony, weight room use, summer camps etc. we are following all guidelines from the Governor's office. If we are able to send students to camps and open the weight room, we will, but not until we receive that recommendation from the Governor.

It is important that students continue to engage with teachers through the remote instruction model. Teachers have narrowed the focus of lessons to the essential content pieces that students will need to move onto their next grade levels or complete their requirements for graduation. Our teachers, administrators and staff are here to support you!

We will continue to provide grab and go meals through May 19<sup>th</sup> following the current plan that is in place.

On a special note to our graduating seniors, our hearts are broken that your senior year is ending this way. This remains a special time for you--a rite of passage and a time to celebrate. We are actively planning ways to commemorate and acknowledge your accomplishments. We are hopeful that social distancing restrictions will be lifted in the near future and we are leaving open the possibility to be able to hold a graduation ceremony at a later date. Know that you are in the fore front of our thoughts and plans.

Sincerely,

Dianna Chrisman Superintendent Yuma School District-1