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School Closure Extension

Dear Alpine County Families and ACUSD / ACOE Employees,

The safety and wellness of our students, families, and school personnel continues to be our highest priority. Recent guidance from state leadership addresses the continuing need for safety through social distancing and keeping school campuses closed to students during the pandemic.

On Tuesday, March 31, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond told school leaders that it appears students won't return to campuses this academic year and that districts should establish distance learning programs under that assumption.

During a press conference on Wednesday, April 1, California Governor Gavin Newsom supported Mr. Thurmond's decision to keep kids safe and learning at home.

Based on these recommendations and in partnership with the Alpine County Public Health Officer, the Alpine County Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Strahl and District/County Administration have made the unified decision to extend school closure for at least as long as California Governor Gavin Newsom's **Stay at Home Order** is in effect. *School is not out for the year, class continues from a distance.* Students will continue to receive food, independent study packets, and bi-weekly communication from their teacher during the closure.

In previous communication, the district moved spring break to the week of April 6, 2020 (next week). During that week there will be no food or independent study delivery but the service will start up again on Monday, April 13 2020.

Food & Independent Study Delivery schedule

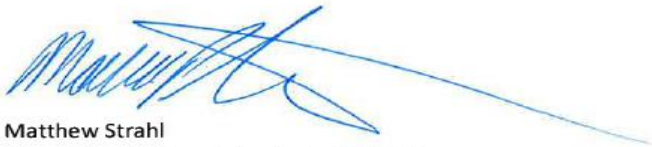
- March 30 – April 3 (the schedule below will continue)
- April 6 – 10 (**Spring Break – no food or independent study delivery**)
- April 13 – end of **Stay at Home Order** (the schedule below will continue)

Area / Community	Pick-Up Location	Time (Monday – Friday)
Hung-A-Lei-Ti	WIEC	9:10 – 9:30 am
Woodfords / Mesa	Alpine Early Learning Center Lower Parking Lot – 100 Foothill Road	9:35 - 9:40 am
Sierra Pines	Front entrance	9:55 - 10:05 am
Markleeville	Markleeville Library Parking Lot	10:15 - 10:25 am
Those assigned to DVES for Food/Homework Pick up		9:30 – 10:30 am daily

As stated in our previous letter, protecting public health requires a community-wide response. **We need everyone to take social distancing seriously** if we are to achieve the greater benefit of protecting everyone in the County from COVID-19. Alpine County Public Health Officer, Dr. Rick Johnson has declared a Public Health Emergency and the Alpine County Board of Supervisors has issued a Local Emergency. All Alpine County residents are strongly encouraged to stay home, maintain social distancing (6 feet between people) if you must go out, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.

This is a dynamic situation where information and circumstances can evolve quickly. We will continue to adapt as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Strahl', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew Strahl
Alpine County Superintendent of Schools