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Dear ASD5 Families,

Today was our last day of school for students as we begin an extended closure of the District as mandated by Gov. Jay Inslee. The closure will last until at least April 24.

We will be sharing information throughout the closure with a weekly update that will be sent as an ASD5 Newsletter on Thursday afternoons.

Our entire district will be closed as of tomorrow, March 17. There will be no public access to any of our buildings for the duration of the closure. There will be just a few essential workers onsite.

Our district website has a link entitled "School Closure" with information about Instructional Resources and Food Services.

Our teachers have prepared resources for students that can support continued learning during the closure. Please note this is not a required educational program -- just resources.

Food services will be provided to all children and youth under the age of 18 on Monday - Friday from 10 am to noon at the following locations:

- Wes Peterson Park
- North End Park
- Pioneer Park
- Finch Playfield
- Central Park School

Throughout the closure, district email is the preferred method for communication for all staff. There will be minimal telephone communication, and it is unlikely that phone messages will be checked on a consistent or regular basis. District emails for staff are located on the district and school webpages.

At the direction of the governor, we will be providing very limited childcare just for our elementary (K-5) students and their preschool siblings who are **children of first responders or healthcare workers**. This childcare is limited only to ASD5 students. Please contact me at ahenderson@asd5.org for an application form if you are a first responder or healthcare worker interested in this childcare and I will send you an application.

This is an unprecedented time and we know that our school district plays an important leadership role during times of crisis. We will continue to keep you informed to the best of our ability and respond as needed in the coming weeks. Please take care and don't hesitate to give us your feedback as plans and procedures are shared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia Henderson".

Alicia Henderson, Ph.D.