March 27, 2020

Sedro-Woolley Families:

We want you to know that we miss working directly with your children. These are unprecedented times for all of us and we are all looking forward to working with your children in our schools and classrooms when this crisis is over.

We are excited at the opportunity for Sedro-Woolley students to get back to the business of learning. This will look different than students and staff are used to and will require flexibility, creativity, and patience from all of us. Following the guidance from OSPI and the US Department of Education, we will provide ongoing and continuous learning for students during the school closure and “Stay at Home” order. This is a shift from supplemental and enrichment learning that many of our teachers are currently providing. Our ongoing continuous learning model will pick up from where instruction ended on March 16 and is planned to begin on March 31.

To the best of our ability, we are ramping up robust learning solutions for all students. Our first step is to better understand what resources our families have or need to access continuous learning opportunities. A survey was sent to all households on March 25. All families, regardless of their technology needs, should answer the survey for each K-12 student in their household. School-specific surveys can be found at https://www.swsd.k12.wa.us/Page/4947.

Ongoing continuous learning in Sedro-Woolley will consider the following for all students:

- Access to devices and internet connectivity;
- Instructional content that can be adapted to meet student needs and how to deliver content;
- Monitoring Progress including goals and timelines.

One thing you can expect is that student learning will be moving forward toward standards for each grade level. While nothing takes the place of face to face instruction, we will work very hard to provide our students the next best thing.
Our district covers 395 square miles and we understand that many of our families live in remote areas and do not have access to the Internet/Wi-Fi. Our teachers will develop weekly instructional lessons for students who live in these areas of our school district.

Communication will continue to be essential during the school closure and “Stay at Home” order. We will keep our families and staff connected with what we are hearing from the state and national level. In the meantime, families should use learning resources previously provided to students. Schools and teachers will be connecting with your family in the days to come.

Thank you for your partnership as we adapt to support the needs of Sedro-Woolley students. We will get through this together.

Stay well,

Phil Brockman
Superintendent