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Snowline JUSD Parents & Guardians:

Good afternoon and welcome to the beginning of what is currently planned to be a two-week break from the normal practices of educational operations in the Snowline JUSD. The collective support, patience, and understanding being extended to us as we work to develop the numerous systems necessary for ongoing student success during the school closures is greatly appreciated.

The decision to close all Snowline JUSD schools is never taken lightly and always focused around the safety of all students, staff members, volunteers, and any other individuals at our sites. Yesterday's decision to initiate the closures as a proactive measure of protection against COVID-19/coronavirus was especially challenging due to a number of unique factors. The numerous consultations with state and county education and health officials as well as the collaborations with local and county superintendents took a significant amount of time, but resulted in doing what was best for the Snowline JUSD learning community. Thank you for being so supportive.

During the school closure period that is currently planned for the next two weeks (March 16-20 and March 23-27 that is our scheduled spring break), please know that **free breakfast and lunch meals** will be made available to all children in the Snowline JUSD learning community. From 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, the free meals may be picked up at the following locations:

- Baldy Mesa Elementary School
- Pinon Hills Elementary School
- Serrano High School
- Vista Verde Elementary School
- Wrightwood Elementary School

Moving forward, understand that we are working on determining the best ways to continue to support the learning process while all of our students are at their homes. Information will be forthcoming. Please continue to access our website (www.snowlineschools.com) for details about COVID-19/coronavirus and all other related issues.

Today must be challenging for all of our students, not to mention for us adults. More than ever, I encourage everybody to be committed to exhibiting many of the best human qualities: care, community, compassion, empathy, helpfulness, kindness. Given that safety is always our priority, remember that it is important to focus on the social-emotional well-being of all. We need to reassure everyone that they are safe, let them talk about their worries, and share with them effective coping skills. During these trying times, this is our collective opportunity to show everyone how a loving, nurturing learning community like ours can work together to overcome COVID-19/coronavirus and make the world a better place. I urge everyone to join us in this commitment. Take care of yourselves.

Sincerely,

Ryan

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Superintendent