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**Pendleton School District
Press Release
March 12, 2020**

Effective immediately, the Pendleton School District will be operating under the following plan in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak. The intent of this plan is to prevent the community spread of the virus while keeping students in school. This plan is the result of the directive from Governor Kate Brown during a 9 am press conference this morning. The District has also consulted with the Umatilla County Health Department, IMESD leadership and has reviewed similar plans of other school districts.

As you are aware by now, this situation is fluid and our response plan could change at any time in the future. In the event our plan, as stated, does change, we will update all stakeholders immediately.

It is important to remember that this plan is supported and recommended by the Oregon Health Authority and our local health department.

Day-time School Operations – March 12 thru April 12, 2020

Suspend* all school assemblies or events that bring community and patrons into our buildings
Suspend all field trips
Professional development activities outside of each building**
Practice distancing w/in each classroom, large group preferred over small groups
Essential small groups conducted in open spaces if at all possible
Provide educational alternatives for medically fragile students upon request

After School Operations – March 12 thru April 12, 2020

Suspend all after school activities that bring parents and community members into our buildings, parent nights, family nights, etc.
No outside group use of indoor activities***
Outdoor activities as scheduled, practicing social distancing

School Athletics Middle School & High School – March 12 – April 12, 2020

Outdoor athletics as scheduled, practicing social distancing

School Activities All Levels – March 13 thru April 12, 2020

Indoor performances and activities suspended

*Suspend means to reschedule to the extent possible after April 12, 2020. If it can't be rescheduled, the event is canceled.

**Monday PLC meetings will continue. Activities that brought people between different district buildings and other districts are prohibited.

***Community use agreements for indoor usage are suspended through April 12, 2020.

Respectfully,

Chris Fritsch
Superintendent

"The Pendleton School District is a place where I belong, where I can succeed!"