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Dear Pacific Union Families,

I hope you and your family are well. I know I sent out communication yesterday regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), but information is changing rapidly and I am trying to make sure our community has the most current information available.

As of yesterday, March 11th, the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. Our local county officials have also declared a local emergency even though there is no "community transmission" in our county. This was done to be able to access more resources to help prepare, plan, and attend to our county/community needs.

I am continuing to monitor news regarding the spread of COVID-19 and want to share information regarding our preparedness. The attached communication from the CA Department of Education and the CA Department of Public Health provides a guide for school response based on several scenarios. Our response will be consistent with these guidelines. We are unaware of any local community transmission cases of COVID-19 and have had no individuals within our school test positive. Therefore, we continue to respond in accordance with the state's guidelines under scenario 1. We ask that everyone continue to follow the illness prevention protocols that have been outlined in previous letters and that are also listed on page 3 of the attached document.

To help in our planning for the possibility of a school closure we will be sending out a school Dojo to ask the following questions:

1. Does your child have access to a computer at home?
2. Does your child have access to the internet at home?
3. Will your child/family experience food insecurities when not at school?

If you are not set up with our school Dojo communication app, please email your teacher or send a note in with your child with the answers to the above questions.

We are hopeful that all of our proactive actions will prevent or slow the spread of illness and any local risk of COVID-19 will remain minimal. Our amazing teaching staff will be working together to determine the best way to facilitate student learning in the event of either prolonged student absence or prolonged staff absence. For more information regarding COVID-19 please, visit the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://humboldt.gov/2018/Humboldt-Health-Alert>. We will also continue to update our school website and currently have resources posted. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rene L. McBride