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Hello,

This is Ross Swearingen, superintendent of Helendale School District. It is with great regret that I announce that the Helendale School District will be closing school in the traditional sense for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The threat of the spread of the Corona virus and the contraction of COVID-19 has led both Governor Newsom and County Superintendent Alejandro to recommend the closure of all schools until at least June 30, 2020. My hope is that this will give everyone enough time to help slow the spread of the virus and will allow us the opportunity to open school for 2020-21 in facilities that are ready for student learning to begin anew. If anything changes for the better, we are prepared to reverse the decision and return to school, although at this time, that is not likely.

For the remainder of the 2019-20 school year we will be providing Distance Learning to all students to ensure that learning goes on and all students are prepared for next school year. Please stay in contact with your teachers as we continue the school year using digital or packet learning. We will not have Distance Learning next week as it is our scheduled Spring Break. Distance Learning will continue during the week of April 13th.

We will also continue to provide meals in a grab and go format each day from 9-11 at the high school up until May 28th when the school year ends on the calendar including next week.

To our outgoing seniors, I want you to know that you are on our mind and we will celebrate your accomplishments when the time is appropriate. We plan on holding graduation ceremonies when we are able to. This senior class means a lot to the adults who work in our school district and we won't let go of you until we have celebrated your successes with you.

We will continue to keep you up to date with news about our district as it occurs.

Sincerely,

Ross Swearingen
Superintendent
Helendale School District

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