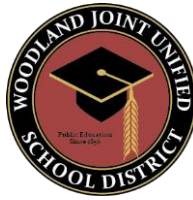


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Tom Pritchard, Superintendent

May 1, 2020

WJUSD Staff,

WJUSD Schools to Remain Physically Closed Through the End of Summer School

Yolo County Superintendents Extend School Closures

As you may be aware, Yolo County extended the countywide health order for residents to shelter in place through May 31st. As a result, Yolo County superintendents have concurrently decided to take a safety-first approach and extend the previously announced school closures through the end of summer. WJUSD will be conducting summer school and extended school year (ESY) instruction under distance learning conditions. The decision was made in consultation with Yolo County Public Health and out of an abundance of caution.

Much of our energy continues to focus on keeping staff and students safe by providing distance learning opportunities while at the same time supporting efforts to flatten the curve related to the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your continued patience during these unprecedented times. Although today seems like a setback on the road to recovery, physical distancing remains the best strategy to achieve the collective goal of protecting our community. I continue to encourage everyone to stay in place, maintain your space, and cover your face.

It is also important to note that we will continue to provide grab-n-go meals, at ten locations throughout our community, during the length of our school closures.

I would like to share my thanks. Our teachers have risen to the challenge of distance learning and continue to refine their efforts. Our classified staff continues to serve our community by providing grab-n-go breakfast and lunch packs, maintaining our facilities and keeping our facilities safe for those employees who continue to come into the work environment, and our administrative team has put in countless hours planning and preparing to support staff and students alike.

Yolo County Superintendents Cancel In-Person Graduation Ceremonies

Yolo County superintendents have also canceled all in-person graduation ceremonies scheduled for the end of the year. As a result, WJUSD is exploring virtual ceremony options. Our secondary principals, along with staff, students, and parents have begun to prepare for the virtual end of the year activities.

We will get through this and please know that you have the unwavering support of our Board of Trustees and myself as we look to the end of the year activities, summer school, and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Pritchard", with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Tom Pritchard
WJUSD Superintendent