



# Anser Charter School

March 17, 2020

Re: Anser School Closure Update

Dear Families,

We hope this finds you and your family well as we all navigate uncertainty. We hope that you are safe and adjusting to the changes we are facing.

We want to reassure both you and your children that the closure of school was a preventative measure. No one to our knowledge has any exposure to the virus. This abrupt change might feel scary for your children, so please let them know that everything is okay and we are all doing our part in keeping our community safe and healthy. We are thinking of every child and family. The school is very lonely without students filling its walls!

Yesterday staff spent time thinking through the many possibilities that could come in the near future. We are preparing ways to provide distance learning in the event that school would be closed beyond Spring Break. As of right now, the plan is to spend these two weeks adjusting to this sudden change and enjoy an extended Spring Break.

In the event that we receive guidance to remain closed after Spring Break or that Boise School District will remain closed, we will pass that along immediately. At the latest, we will communicate a lengthier school closure by 2:00pm on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Distance Learning Info:**

- If school remains closed after Spring Break, distance learning will begin March 30<sup>th</sup>. Printed materials that need to be mailed will be mailed on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Google Classroom assignments will be pushed out.
- After March 30<sup>th</sup> if we remain closed, all materials will be mailed out by Admin staff on Friday and updated Google Classroom assignments pushed out every Monday.

## **Access:**

If you know of a household without internet, Spectrum is offering free service for 60 days to households with a K-12 student. Here is more information regarding [free Spectrum internet](#). Please read all details carefully.

## **Lunches Provided:**

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Anser will provide lunches for pickup 11am-1pm to support families who need this service. We are currently developing a plan to provide lunches if the school closure extends past Spring Break.



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## **JH Families:**

- JH families and students are able to come on Thursday, March 19th from 8am-4pm to pick up binders and anything else they may need from their lockers.

## **Auction Update:**

- All items including Classroom Art Projects are now on the online auction. The closing date has been extended to Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9pm (with overtime bidding).
- New this year - Overtime Bidding automatically extends the closing time of an item for five minutes each time a bid is received. If last-minute bidding continues, the closing will continue to receive five-minute extensions for a maximum of one hour. All bidding will be final by 10 PM.
- There are still Teacher Time raffles to participate in, buy your tickets online. Winners will be drawn and announced when school resumes.
- Classroom art projects are on display in the school foyer and will be highlighted via social media.
- Pickup of items is available on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 4pm, or after school resumes.

As a final note, we would like to encourage you to keep as normal a schedule as you can with your child, especially bedtime routines. All young people need rituals and some regularity in their days, especially at times of high stress and uncertainty. If you can limit their access to the news, that would be beneficial for the whole family. There is only so much information we can process and young people should not be exposed to every minute by minute detail on a national and world level. Honestly, we all should balance this. Letting your young person know the basics with a focus on how people are helping each other is a more balanced and healthy approach. Be outside! Play games! Treasure each other!

We are all in this together! Thank you to all of you who have reached out to show appreciation and support. Your words have been encouraging as we lead our organization through this uncertainty. We are Crew!

Continuamos,

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Co-Directors