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Dear PVSD Students, Families, Staff & Community:

We anticipated the announcement from the Secretary of Education and this morning the announcement was made, we are closed for the rest of the school year – this does NOT mean that learning is cancelled. This is difficult information to process because we all believe that students should be in school. That’s where they learn best, however, our primary focus right now is to keep them safe. We also need our staff and their families to stay healthy, and so we support the difficult decision announced by the state Public Education Department.

Students will continue to have learning opportunities; it will just look a lot different during the next few months. District leaders and teachers are busy working on the Pojoaque Valley Continuous Learning Plan (PVCLP). You will learn more about this next week.

Luckily, we didn’t have to contemplate these challenges in a vacuum. Every school district in the state and many districts across the nation are grappling with this new approach to education, and we have been working collaboratively with the PED and many other districts on developing a plan that is accessible and equitable for all.

We have a lot of work to do on our continuous learning plan, which we hope to roll out in the next couple of weeks. There are many details to iron out, but we can share some information with you now:

- There will be no statewide testing this spring.
- Students won’t have to make up missed instructional days.
- Our learning focus will be on critical standards and could include weekly assignments, projects, and video check-ins.
- Relationships and connections will play a big role in this new era of continuous learning, as will an emphasis on social and emotional wellness.
- All students will be supported.
- We are working on getting Chromebooks and internet access first to high school seniors to help them graduate and then to other students who lack connectivity as available.
- We will continue to follow Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for our special education students with possible addendums.
- We will provide virtual classroom training for teachers and staff.

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- We will continue to provide both online and print resources.
- We will continue to provide school meals for families.
- And, we are coming up with a plan to help our seniors earn their high school diploma. My heart breaks for these students who will miss out on so many senior traditions. We are committed to making sure these students graduate this school year and are prepared to move on to the next promising chapter in their lives.

Mostly, we are going to be flexible and ready to adapt. None of us has ever done anything like this before, but we are doing our best because we want what's best for our students.

We will stay in touch. We want all of our community to be in the know because we are all in this together. The best place for updates is the Pojoaque Valley School District website.

Keep learning, keep reading, keep supporting each other. We will get through this together.

Sondra Adams, Superintendent

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