

Howell Mountain Elementary School District



April 2, 2020

Dear Families,

Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) and the five school districts of Napa County (Napa Valley Unified School District, St. Helena Unified School District, Calistoga Joint Unified School District, Howell Mountain Elementary School District and Pope Valley Union Elementary School District) announced today that Napa County school districts plan to continue remote learning through the end of the previously scheduled school year. This decision was based on communication received from the California Department of Education and Governor Gavin Newsom, as well as the ongoing Napa County and California Shelter at Home public health orders.

After spring break, April 14, students will be expected to access remote learning opportunities and will be expected to attend Zoom and/ or See Saw classroom instruction. Please reach out to me if your child does not have a computer, or if this is a hardship so that we may address support needed for your families. An extended school closure is not ideal for students; however, the unprecedented pandemic that we are all experiencing warrants further social distancing. Thank you for your patience, partnership and community camaraderie during this trying time.

As a reminder, meals will continue throughout spring break. Although families may wish to adhere to the schedule that they have created, our youngsters may be feeling pressure and stress; therefore, I recommend families find new ways to connect, engage and relax during spring break. In fact, this may be warranted for the entire family. I have posted fun learning activities on our website, under student resources-“Risk Takers” that may fill free time.

This amazing community continues to fill me with pride. Let’s keep our Howell Mountain Pride alive as we navigate this unknown territory. Our children will always be placed first and foremost in my thoughts, decisions and actions.

My best,
Dr. Janet Tufts

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