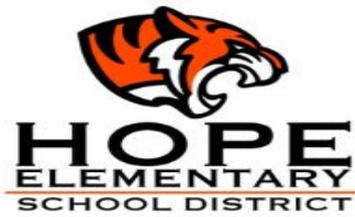


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March 31, 2020

Dear Hope Families,

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has been decided that Hope Elementary will remain closed until further notice. When we closed the district on Monday, March 16th, we originally looked at opening the school district back up on Tuesday, April 14th. However, due to the ongoing Shelter-in-Place Executive Order, we must delay our reopening date. We understand this decision will have a significant impact on our school community but we must do our part in continuing to reduce the spread of the virus.

As we work through this school closure, we will continue to provide information through our website, www.hope-esd.org, our Facebook page, and our Blackboard Connect calling system. We will still be providing meals to students Monday through Friday from 11:30-12:30.

The following criteria will be used to determine when Hope Elementary School District will reopen:

1. The California State Shelter in Place Executive Order has been lifted.
2. The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Tulare County has remained constant or declined for a two week period.
3. The directive to Social Distance has been removed by the State of California.
4. The limit of people placed on social gatherings has been removed by the State of California.

Concern over school closures may cause anxiety and worry for your children. Please continue to reassure them that school closures are a precaution for them as well as for the safety of the family. You can reach out to us at any time through email or you can call the office from 7:30-12:30 every weekday if you need assistance. We will connect you with any resources we have.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate this together.