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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we conclude the first week of school closures, I would like to take the time, on behalf of Yuma School District One and all of our teachers, to thank you for your patience and support during this time. We are navigating uncharted waters of school closures and at-home learning due to COVID-19, and I understand the hardships that this may place on your families. Whether your child(ren) is completing work on an iPad or a paper packet, please be assured that our teachers are here to help with both student and parent questions.

In addition, students have been amazing at adapting to this new form of learning. It is inspiring to see how students and teachers have worked together to continue the learning process during these difficult circumstances. While we cannot fully replace the valuable instruction that takes place in the classroom, we hope to keep students engaged with assignments, online content, and teacher videos.

***At this time, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Education have extended Arizona school closures through April 10, 2020.*** The District One Team will continue to provide instructional material for students during this time. Spring break remains an instruction-free week, scheduled for March 30th - April 3rd. If students are working on a paper packet, please monitor your email for future pick-up opportunities. For those using school or home iPads, new content will be provided electronically.

Many of our Yuma families have utilized District One's grab 'n go meal service for all students under the age of 18, and we are so glad to provide this service. The Child Nutrition Team has been dedicated and hard at work preparing and packaging over 40,000 meals in 5 days! This service will continue Monday - Friday, from 11:00am - 1:00pm at all District One Schools, through April 10, 2020.

The District One Team is working diligently each day to remain prepared and informed of any changes in the local and state status. Our thoughts are with all of our families in Yuma, and all of those affected by COVID-19. This certainly is an unusual time, but we will successfully navigate it, together as ONE community.

Sincerely,

James Sheldahl  
District One Superintendent

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