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TSD COVID-19 Update 3.26.20  
School Buildings Closed, Education is Open

TSD Community,

Thank you again for your resilience and ability to adapt to this new method of learning. As I conference call with superintendent's around the state it appears that TSD is a model for other districts and I thank the students, parents, community, principals, teachers and staff for working together in this endeavor.

### **TSD End of Year Calendar 2020**

Thank you for responding to the end of school year calendar date survey. There was an overwhelming response from parents (90%) and staff (87%) to power through spring break and end the school year early. The most common theme was that it would be difficult to get kids back into on-line learning after a two week break and keeping a routine in place is best. Additionally, many comments centered on the need for some time off and a break from technology. With that in mind I worked with our District 4x4 team and the School Board and we have approved the revised 2019/2020 calendar (see attached).

Please note we have four **"Miner Days"** on this new end of year calendar. Miner Days are meant for students, parents, staff to rest, recoup, catch up and get outside. Teachers will not plan lessons on these days and we encourage no screen time. **The first Miner Day is tomorrow Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.** My apologies for the short notice, but as we are all discovering with COVID-19 we are making game time decisions as we receive new information.

I want to assure you that if the landscape changes and Governor Polis opens schools on April 18<sup>th</sup> (or anytime this spring) we will open our buildings to finish out the school year with students in classrooms. The teachers are missing the kids as much as the kids are missing the teachers!

### **Summer School**

If the school buildings do not open for the rest of the school year I will be working with Principals to look at summer school learning and will communicate accordingly.

### **Technology/Wi-Fi/Help Desk for Student & Parent Support**

Please continue to email [helpdesk@telluride.k12.co.us](mailto:helpdesk@telluride.k12.co.us) if you need technology help. Include your name, the name of your student(s) and the name or serial number of the device (if school-owned), or make/model/OS version of the device (if personal). The more detail you include, the more quickly and efficiently we can help you! After you send your email, you will get a confirmation of your ticket. Please look for additional emails from the help desk as personnel add their comments/questions. Everything will come from that email address.

### **Lunches**

School lunches continue to be available for any student in need. Please click here for information and pick up locations. [http://tellurideschool.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/tsd\\_student\\_lunch](http://tellurideschool.org/news/what_s_new/tsd_student_lunch)

If you live in Illium or Lawson Hill and need a lunch please contact Stacey Wright at [swright@telluride.k12.co.us](mailto:swright@telluride.k12.co.us) as she is working with volunteer(s) to coordinate a point for lunch pick up for these neighborhoods. If you would like to be a point of contact to help with lunch distribution in your neighborhood please email Stacey at email address above.

### **Contributions/Donations**

We have been receiving requests from parents to transfer the balance on their student's lunch account as a donation. This is absolutely possible. Send [kspaulding@telluride.k12.co.us](mailto:kspaulding@telluride.k12.co.us) an email authorizing the transfer and amount and we will move the positive balance to our donation account.

Also note, if your student is not currently on the school Free & Reduced lunch program and your financial circumstances have altered please go to [http://tellurideschool.org/parents/free\\_reduced\\_school\\_meals](http://tellurideschool.org/parents/free_reduced_school_meals) to fill out an application or email Stacey Wright or your school Administrative Assistant for a hard copy.

### **Resources**

Please go to this link for a list of San Miguel County resources that is being updated daily:

<https://tinyurl.com/smrp5vk>

You may find other useful resources below:

<https://www.coloradohealth.org/covid-19-resources-nonprofits-and-funders>

Please keep the great suggestions coming!

### **Class of 2020 Senior Spotlight**

Tune in to KOTO at 4 pm every Wednesday to hear the THS 2020 spotlights. THS Principal, Sara Kimble, will call in to highlight and celebrate the senior students set to graduate this Spring.

### **Schoology Notifications**

Have you received an influx of Schoology emails? In order to give students a place to discuss non-academic (social) topics, a course was created that students are members of. It's likely that you'll experience more emails from Schoology due to all of the students posting ideas on how to have fun at home, etc. Below are the directions for modifying your notification's settings so that you don't receive as many emails.

Log in to Schoology:

- Click on your name
- Click on Settings
- Click on Notifications
- Toggle everything to "Off" except "Personal: Receive Private Message."

We are doing our best to navigate these uncharted territories and working with the information as it comes in. Decisions are being made keeping in mind what is in the best interest for our students and safety while following state and local protocol.

Many of you have sent emails asking if I thought this is how I would be going out? The answer is not exactly! But, I couldn't be prouder of our TSD community and the continued accomplishments. Keep up the awesome work, we will get through this!

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns and remember although School Buildings are closed, Education is Open and TSD is here to support student learning.

Shine On!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Gass".

Mike Gass, Superintendent

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<https://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/590/Coronavirus>