Dear Kahlotus School District Staff and Families:

Kahlotus schools will be open all day Monday, March 16, then closed Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, April 24, including athletics, activities, and clubs. We understand the disruption this may cause for families and employees. We will do our best to provide what we can including up to date information in an ever-changing environment. Most of the information we provide and the decisions we make will be the direct result of information given to us by the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and or other state agencies including the Governor’s office. We know this mandated closure may create hardships for many families, and we plan to do our best to serve you during these challenging times.

The hope is of course that closing the schools will play a significant role in helping stop the spread of COVID 19. We are collaborating with local, regional and statewide health agencies, our local hospital and clinics, to do what we can to better the lives of others in our state.

Please continue to visit our website and Facebook for the most current information from our district. We will also use our messaging apps to deliver important announcements and information to you and your children.

Details for Kahlotus School District Closure as of Monday, March 16:

- School Offices will be open at least through Tuesday, March 17 during regular school hours so students/families can pick up personal items including medication currently in the office, personal items, and books from their lockers.

- Our District Office will be closed starting Wednesday, March 18th. The district will work to inform you if anything changes.

- There will be no State testing this year.

- The school year is likely to be extended until June 19 but the most current information tells us that other attendance requirements will be waived and no other days will need to be “made up”.

- The District will continue to clean and sanitize our facilities and school buses on a regular basis. We will use this opportunity to complete some deep cleaning in classrooms and public areas in our buildings.

- Use of any school facility by anyone is prohibited until school reopens on April 27. **This includes the HS gym and the Elementary Multi-purpose room.**

- As required by law, our school board will continue to meet, but we ask that those in attendance practice social distancing...
**Instructional Support**

Teachers will be sending home materials and expectations for students. Along with the materials, teachers will be reaching out to students on a weekly basis to check in and monitor progress. We are aware that many families and students do not have internet access and computers at home to meet the needs of their child(ren). At this time, the best guidance we can provide is to have children of all ages engaged in reading and writing activities appropriate to their age. Writing letters to relatives, reading the newspaper, or books are excellent opportunities to extend their learning. Whenever possible have the child share with a parent or sibling what they have read about and discuss any questions they might have.

We have been told by OSPI that graduation dates for seniors will be honored, as they have been set. In Kahlotus, that is May 29. It will be important for seniors to hit the ground running when we return to school and make sure they keep up with the studies from April 27 until graduation. Credits will be earned based on the work done thus far and pick up again April 27. *These decisions and plans are designed to protect the health of our students, staff, and community. The District will continue to communicate with our local partners and state agencies to determine any future steps to be taken.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding we are proud to be working with you.*