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Tony Mann, Superintendent

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Dear Molalla Families,

I'm deeply moved by your incredible support and patience as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 situation locally. Like all Oregon school districts, we are listening carefully to direction and guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, and we are working to be ready for anything.

### **Governor's Order**

As you're likely aware, Governor Brown declared that all schools in Oregon remain closed through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Aligned with the governor's [executive order](#) we are continuing to develop plans for learning supports and supplemental services.

We will also continue to provide for Grab-and-Go Meals for any young person 18 and younger at Molalla Elementary School 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM, and we are looking at opening and additional location as well. Additionally, we are collaborating with other agencies to evaluate our capacity to offer childcare for first responders, health care workers, and other individuals consistent with guidance from Oregon Department of Education.

For those families benefiting from Trillium Family services in the district, these services will continue to be delivered. Please contact the service provider directly if you have questions about scheduling.

## **Supplementary Learning**

Many K-5 families stopped by their school and picked up Learning Go-Bags earlier this week. For anyone who wasn't able to pick up (regardless of elementary school), these Learning Go-Bags are now available for pick up at Molalla Elementary 9:15 AM – 11:15 AM this week.

With this statewide school closure in place, we are assessing options for meeting student learning needs k-12. This is our top priority for all students, and especially for our seniors and their progress toward graduation this spring.

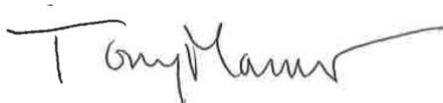
Among the options available are online learning scenarios. In order to assess family needs and make effective plans for all students, we are asking parents to complete a survey regarding technology access at home. The SURVEY is available in English ([At Home Technology Access](#)) and Spanish ([Access de Tecnología en el Hogar](#)).

I'd like to close this letter with something I said in a community update last week. I believed it then, and I believe it even more firmly today:

Great communities come together in difficult times. These are difficult times, and Molalla is just that kind of community!

We will make it through the challenges ahead. We will do this for the benefit of our families, friends and neighbors, and we will do it most importantly for our children and the future.

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Mann  
Superintendent