

Tuesday Update ---

Dear Philomath School District Students, Staff, and Community:

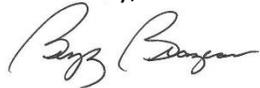
We just concluded the early week Oregon Department of Education briefing regarding the current school closure order. The good news is there is **no new** news. This may not sound good to you right now as there is so much change that we are dealing with and specific answers would be great. While I agree with you, what I know is that for the past couple of weeks we enter the meeting looking for a specific answer and walk away with several new orders or requirements, hopefully the curve of change is flattening.

The graduation change that will affect our current senior class has yet to be revealed, but I can assure you that the changes that are being considered do not negatively affect any of our seniors and when the final answer is revealed later this week you will be fine. The graduation decision will be announced prior to the underclass changes, but here again I trust our kids are in great shape to take on their next high school year, when we get there. This holds true as you work your way through the grades all the way down through Kindergarten. Is there the potential for change? Absolutely. Will that change be manageable? Absolutely.

Philomath School District administrators are working on completing a plan that includes the creation of a supplemental education resource for all students and families to use and a plan to make a connection with every family beginning on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>. It is our hope that we are able to touch every student by phone, email, or both by no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday of next week.

In the meantime, I hope this note finds all of you safe and healthy and encourage you to stay in and stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Buzz Benson".