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March 12, 2020

Dear Families,

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the Governor's order, effective Monday, March 16 Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY) will close the Washington School for the Deaf campus and suspend all statewide outreach services through April 24. (At that time conditions will be reevaluated and adjusted if necessary.)

Please note: All students will go home as usual on Friday, March 13. As school will not resume on Monday, March 16, there will be no transportation back provided on Sunday, March 15. Residential students will pack their belongings on Thursday, March 12.

Safety is our top priority. The decision to close our campus and halt statewide services was extremely difficult. This decision will affect all of our families and we recognize that this hardship will affect many of you.

All student activities, school events and other statewide events (such as JA Biztown and Middle School Math team, Berg Seeger track meet) are canceled or postponed.

Moving forward, we will communicate with families in a variety of ways:

- CDHY and WSD Website
- Flash Alert (http://www.flashalert.net/news.html?id=673)
- Email
- WSD Facebook

It is your responsibility to stay connected. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with us. If you have questions please contact either Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent shauna.bilyeu@cdhy.wa.gov or Rick Hauan, Executive Director; rick.hauan@cdhy.wa.gov .

We are working with the Office of Superintendent and Instruction to ensure compliance with instructional and special education requirements. At this time, be believe requirements will be waived or adjusted due to this unprecedented health crisis. However, we are working on plans

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for student access to optional learning activities. Most students will arrive home on Friday, March 13 with WSD issued iPads. Teachers will be contacting students through email and Google Classroom. If you have questions regarding this, please contact the elementary or secondary principal.

The communities that we serve continue to be at the forefront of our thoughts and actions. We value our families and hope that everyone stays safe during this trying time. Please check our agency and school websites frequently. We will not be providing transportation for any event or school activity during this time. For families who live in the greater Vancouver area and have students who have classes scheduled at Hudson's Bay if you would like your child to attend classes, it will be your responsibility to provide transportation.

Please know we are supporting our CDHY children and families as we get through this crisis. Our thoughts are with the students, families and communities that we serve.

Thank you,

Rick Hauan
Executive Director, CDHY

Shauna Bilyeu
Superintendent, WSD