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Dear Parents and Dexter Community,

This morning, Governor Lujan-Grisham and Secretary of Education Stewart announced that all New Mexico schools will remain closed for the remainder of this school year, and education in New Mexico will shift to a “learn-at-home” model. I want to clarify what this means for Dexter Schools. **It does NOT mean that school is over and instruction stops.** It only means that students will not return to school for the extended closure period. All schools are required by the Public Education Department (PED) to continue to provide learning opportunities for all students for the remainder of the school year. Teachers and staff will be working over the next few days on a plan to best implement the new “learn-at-home” model for our Dexter students. This may be in the form of online, over the phone, or grab and go instructional packets. We will provide additional information to students and parents as soon plans are solidified. Our goal is to start this new way of teaching and learning during the week of April 6, 2020.

Seniors – The High School staff will be getting a plan in place to make sure each senior has what they need to graduate. Those who are at risk of not graduating will be contacted by the High School and provided with options to get the credits needed. Plans for a graduation ceremony will be made at a later date in conjunction with orders from the Department of Health, Public Education Department, and the Governor’s Office.

Meals – Our cafeteria staff will continue to provide free grab and go meals to all students. We are making plans to expand this service in order to better provide more meals to more students. Once plans are solidified, we will let everyone know about the improvements that will be made.

Resources – We have posted several learning resources on our school Facebook page that I encourage parents and students to utilize at this time.

Athletics/Activities – As part of the Governor’s and Secretary of Education’s announcement, it was also announced that all athletic and activities will also be cancelled for the remainder of the year. As a result, the kids in our community need our support more than ever since athletics and activities played a major role in their daily lives.

And finally, please know that we all feel the pain of the school closure. We know the shift from the traditional face-to-face instruction to the new model of learn-at-home may not be easy at first. But, together, we will get through this difficult time. Please be mindful that we are all in uncharted territory, and change is often difficult even during the best of times. How we, as adults, react to this situation will directly impact how our students react. So please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure equitable access to learning for all of our students. Our goal is to keep our students safe, fed, and engaged in learning. We will continue our focus on always doing what is best for our students!

Please stay tuned for future updates, and most importantly, please stay safe and healthy!!!

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