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## UPDATE: Fremont #1 Statement On Coronavirus

We appreciate your patience as our school district navigates the complicated and rapidly changing Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Although at this time there have not been any confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Fremont County, the district leadership team has been working collaboratively on strategies to continue providing essential services while limiting potential exposure for students, families, and staff members. We have been following guidance from our public health partners and monitoring guidance from the Wyoming and United States Departments of Education. In light of current information, we believe it is time to plan for alternate ways to serve the educational needs of our community and families.

**This message is to inform you that the district plans to offer alternative means of instruction.** At this time, we will hold classes as scheduled in all schools, but if parents decide to keep children home to limit potential exposure to Coronavirus, students will not be penalized for missing school. **If you will be keeping your child at home due to illness or concern about the Coronavirus, please contact the school as you would for any other student absence.** If your child will be absent from school on a given day, they will not be permitted to participate in after school activities such as athletics, clubs, and Lights On.

We would like to reiterate that, to our knowledge, there are **no confirmed Coronavirus cases in Fremont County School District #1 at this time.** While public health guidance is evolving, we anticipate that staff and student absences will interrupt our ability to provide in-person instruction to every student. We recognize that many of our educators and staff face conflicts when choosing to serve our students while taking care of their own and their families' health. Likewise, many parents are facing difficult choices between sending children to school or protecting them from possible exposure to the virus. As such, each school will make alternative learning opportunities available while schools continue to offer regular instruction. This may consist of lesson packets (to be mailed home or picked up), links to online content (i.e. Khan Academy, Lexia, MobyMax, etc), and content posted in Google Classroom. **We ask for your patience and understanding as we explore and attempt these alternate means of providing educational services during these unique and rapidly changing circumstances.**