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Dear Parents/Guardians, Community Members, and Staff,

I apologize for the late timing of this notice. After consultation with the other districts in Tuolumne County, the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, and the Tuolumne County Public Health Officer, we have come to the conclusion that it is in the best interest of public health and safety to close all public schools in Tuolumne County, including Columbia Elementary, for the week of March 16-20. This closure, in combination with spring break during the week of March 23-27, will allow for the unprecedented events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic to progress and allow our leadership and staff to make decisions about how to best proceed.

During the week of March 16-20, we will provide lunches for students if needed. If your students need lunch, please email abondelie@cusd49.com with the family name, address, and number of children who need lunch. If you cannot email, please call 533-7700 ext 170 and leave a message with the above information. Our staff will deliver the lunches to the address provided between 11:00 and 1:00 each school day.

Our staff will also meet to discuss the best way to provide educational opportunities to students should this pandemic affect school operations beyond March 27. We will make every effort to provide learning opportunities that are available to all students.

I will provide an update to you as more information becomes available. In the mean time, you are welcome to call the school at 536-7700 or email me at jaldridge@cusd49.com if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

Joe Aldridge
Superintendent

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