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Good Evening Biggs Unified School District Families

Butte County Office of Education has announced, a strong recommendation that schools in Butte County be closed to in-person instruction for the remainder of the year.

This is the result of a letter sent from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction which reads in part:

“As you know we continue to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus and how those impacts make it unsafe for our students to be served on school campuses at this time. The need for safety through social distancing warrants that we continue to keep our school campuses closed to students during this pandemic.

Due to the current safety concerns and needs for ongoing social distancing it currently appears that our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year. This is in no way to suggest that school is over for the year, but rather we should put all efforts into strengthening our delivery of education through distance learning.”

It is clear that the rest of instruction for this school year will be focused on distance learning. BUSD has already been moving this way in anticipation of an extended closure. Now we have a definite course for the rest of the year.

We are waiting for further direction from the California Department of Education on topics like grades, credits, and graduation. Please be patient, and know that we are working hard to figure out how we might award credits and hold graduation.

Currently, teachers are reaching out via phone to all our families. We want to do all we can to engage every student in learning, even when the buildings are closed.

School is not over, it is just happening in a different way.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and help us keep all students learning.

Doug Kaelin  
BUSD Superintendent