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**Mission Statement**

We believe that the school experience should be safe, positive, and successful, while contributing to the physical, social, and mental well being of the child.

Date: March 13th, 2020

To: Sonora Elementary Parents/Staff

From: Sonora Elementary Administration

Re: Coronavirus Update

As of this afternoon, **we currently have no cases of identified coronavirus or COVID-19 in Tuolumne County.** There are many rumors floating around and we work closely with our local agency partners to address and verify information. I am very confident in the information that is shared with me by all of our partners, including the Tuolumne County Public Health and our interim Public Health Officer, Dr. Eric Sergienko. We will continue to closely monitor this situation at the State and local level. This is a very fluid situation, so we will continue to stay informed and quickly communicate to all of the Sonora Elementary family, as we move forward. If necessary, decisions on school closure will be made using the protocol from the latest School Guidance on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the California Department of Public Health.

At Sonora Elementary, we have implemented a much more rigorous schedule for disinfecting desks, counters and knobs. We have also encouraged a significant amount of hand-washing for our staff and students, especially coming into class in the morning and from recesses. In addition, to follow the recommendations from the State of California, in terms of large, non-essential gatherings, we have canceled the remainder of our County Volleyball Tournament and our Honor Roll and AR assemblies, that were scheduled for next week.

**What can you do?**

Please continue to practice these strategies for staying healthy:

- Handwashing remains our No. 1 defense against illness. Please wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If children are not feeling well while at school, or exhibiting signs of illness, have them check in with our School Office.
- Communicate all health concerns with your physician.
- If employees or children have a fever, **please stay home** until you are fever free for 24 hours without medication.

The following link is a parent resource on how to talk with your child about the coronavirus:

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

**Ways you can stay informed:**

District website: [www.ses.k12.ca.us](http://www.ses.k12.ca.us)

Tuo. Co. Schools Website: [www.tcsos.us/newsroom/2019-novel-coronavirus/](http://www.tcsos.us/newsroom/2019-novel-coronavirus/)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Sonora-Elementary-501263896610565/](https://www.facebook.com/Sonora-Elementary-501263896610565/)

We will also continue to message through our SchoolMessenger application.

Stay safe,

Chris Boyles, Principal