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Dear Plaza Community Members,

Even though it is very possible that schools will remain closed for the rest of the year, neither the Glenn County Public Health Department, nor the Governor have directed districts to close. At this time, I do not think it is necessary to make that decision with nine weeks of school left. I still have a little hope left that we will have kids back on campus before June 3rd.

The safety of all Plaza staff, students, and families is always my top priority. I will continue to monitor what is happening in our area, as well as throughout the state. **Based on what is going on now, Plaza School will remain closed until further notice.** Again, I want to reiterate that it is very possible that it will not be safe to reopen prior to June 3rd. Teachers are prepared to continue distance learning until we return, regardless of how long it is.

When we initially set up distance learning, we were unsure of what it would look like, or how long it would last. Since it is going to continue for at least another month, all work assigned will be assessed so teachers can determine which concepts students are not understanding. Although your children need your help with schoolwork, it is important for us to know if they do not understand certain standards. Please continue to help them, but try not to just answer for them. When we return, we will work closely with students who were not able to master specific concepts and standards. Grading will focus more on effort and if the work was turned in.

As you all know, our dedicated staff has been working hard the last two weeks to provide the best possible education under the circumstances. They will continue to do so for the remainder of the year. Keep in mind that while they are all willing to communicate, they need time away from schoolwork to focus on themselves and their families. Therefore, please understand that they may not always respond to texts, emails, or phone calls outside their school day, which is usually between 8am-3:15pm.

April 13th through April 17th is our regularly scheduled spring break. Teachers will not conduct distance learning during that time. However, I encourage students to continue reading throughout the week and complete any unfinished work teachers have provided. Distance learning will resume April 20th.

Please continue to check Orland, Willows, and Hamilton City school district websites for the most up to date information regarding meals. Most, if not all, will provide meals during spring break. However, dates, locations, and times may change.

Also, if you or your children begin to struggle mentally or emotionally, please let me or your child's teacher know. There are still some resources available in the county.

I sincerely hope to see all of you before June 3rd. In the meantime, stay healthy, safe, and sane!

Mr. Conklin