Parents and Stakeholders,

This is a difficult time for our community as parents, staff and students face the impacts of temporary school campus closures. During these unsettled times, the Touchet School District and our dedicated and caring staff will do everything in our power to provide stability and service to our students and families.

The Touchet School District has been working diligently over the last few weeks preparing for the possibility of our physical campuses closing. Please rest assured that plans for the continuation of education for all students, preschool through high school, have been drafted, and are being reviewed and finalized this week (March 16-20). Additionally, access to critical services such as student meals, daycare for targeted groups, and other measures, have also been developed and will be shared in the coming days.

Late last night we received guidance from OSPI that affirmed our preliminary plans aimed to be finalized over the coming days as we work collectively with our dedicated staff. Families and students should plan for the following activities and announcements in the coming few days:

- The Touchet School district will be releasing Information regarding times and location where students can access free “grab and go” breakfast and lunch services for students (regardless of income level). We will be announcing this service in the next few days, and continue until school campuses are allowed to re-open.

- Information release regarding on-site childcare services for vulnerable students and specific students/families will be announced. In accordance with the Governor's proclamation, this service is also expected to begin on March 23, and continue until schools can re-open.

Monday, March 16:

- Normal school day for staff and students. We look forward to serving your students!

- School-sponsored programs will meet as regularly scheduled after school where coaches/advisers will share important information with student participants (e.g. athletics, GEAR UP)

Tuesday, March 17:

- Non-school day for students.
All facilities and campuses will be closed for students.

Faculty continue meeting and planning for continuity of learning for all students, preschool through 12th grade and will be available through email.

Thank you again for your support as we finalize and communicate our plans to serve the educational needs of all of our students. I am confident and comforted by the fact that I am blessed to work with some of the most caring, passionate, and dedicated employees a superintendent could ask for.

I am available to visit with you should you have any questions.

Robert Elizondo
Superintendent, Touchet School District.