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Governor's Briefing

Dear Preston Public Schools Learning Community,

Today's Governor's briefing had several new pieces of information:

- **SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 20, 2020**
- 4500 folks tested, 415 Positives, sadly 10 folks passed away. Running about a 15% hospitalization rate of those who are positive.
- The virus spread is still accelerating.
- The state has received a small percentage of the requested PPE hospital supplies.
- The state continues to clarify Essential and non-essential business. There is a process to follow to be identified as Essential.
- The state secured a donation that will supply 60,000 new laptops. A distribution plan is in the works. Preston has enough laptops and Chromebooks for distribution to support families in need at this time.
- The district is moving forward on several fronts:
 - We will continue to distribute food at PPMS. We are now distributing more than 240 meals per day.
 - We have arranged to use the PPMS site as a distribution site for other materials such as student instruments and Chromebook.
 - Teachers and Paraeducators are working to reach out to all students and families.
 - Special Education staff are working to assure PPT and IEP processes remain in place as much as is practicable.
 - The staff of the district are fully engaged and doing what they can to redesign, rebuild, and recreate the experience of school.

Thank you for staying engaged and tracking new information. If you know anyone in need of food service, mental health support for students, or other educational priorities please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent or your building principal.

Be well. Be safe.

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