

**MODEL PLAN OF ACTION**  
**THOMPSON FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**DATE OF INITIAL PLAN : 3/26/20**  
**REVISION DATES: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

**OVERVIEW**

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Governor Bullock ordered all K-12 public schools in Montana closed starting Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 27, 2020. Pursuant to the March 19, 2020, directive of Governor Bullock, requirements for pupil instruction from Monday, March 16 through March 27, 2020, were waived with Montana’s public schools receiving full funding, including the state transportation reimbursement. The Governor further directed that during the mandated school closure from March 16-March 27, 2020, school districts were to plan and begin implementation on the following:

1. Offsite learning instruction and structure;
2. School meals, consistent with what the District regularly provides;
3. Services for students with disability; and
4. Other services customarily provided to students.

Through his March 19, 2020, directive, the Governor stated that districts will receive full funding and all requirements for pupil instruction will be waived if the following conditions are met:

1. The District creates a Plan of Action to address those specific areas identified above;
2. The Board of Trustees approves the District’s Plan of Action;
3. The Governor, in consultation with OPI, approves the Board of Trustees’ endorsed Plan of Action and waives all requirements for pupil instruction. The Governor’s March 19, 2020, directive provides that: “Presumptively, the Governor will approve waiver requests that are approved by school boards.”
4. The District will submit periodic reports to the Governor addressing those specific areas identified above.

## PLAN OF ACTION

The following represents the District's REQUIRED Plan of Action to address pupil instruction, the provision of school meals for students, compliance with IEP's and 504 plans of students with disabilities, and other services the District customarily provides to students:

**1. Offsite learning instruction and structure: The District has the following structure in place to ensure off-site learning for students. The District has ensured that continuity plans for educational services can be accessed by all students, regardless of resources available at home. The strategies identified below are, of course, customized to meet the individual needs of each student.**

- As of Monday, March 30, 2020 Certified and Classified Staff will be able to telework (off-site) providing instruction to students with limited, pre-approved access to school buildings through the following mechanism:
  - On-line lessons
    - Students have access to online adopted curriculum
    - IXL
    - Success Maker
    - Typing Club online
    - Moby Max
    - Etc.
  - Video chats/tutoring
    - Facebook Live
    - Google Hangouts
    - Skype
    - Etc.
  - Phone calls
  - Hard copy packets of materials
  - Textbooks
  - Teacher Webpages
- In order to ensure that all students have access to on-line coursework, the District is
  - providing those students and staff who don't have the necessary devices with laptops, chromebooks, etc. for checking out
  - within the parameters of OPI limitations and the District's transportation fund limitations, using transportation funds (pursuant to 20-10-101(5)) to assist students, parents and/or staff in obtaining on-line access and instruction.
  - school wifi can be accessed for free by students and staff in the school parking lot

**2. School meals, consistent with what the District regularly provides: The District has implemented the following strategies to ensure that our students are continuing to receive nutritional meals, the same as if the District was open for pupil instruction.**

- The District is serving grab-and-go lunches, breakfast-like items, and snacks to include fresh fruit.
  - The District is providing a week's worth of meals for all students to be picked up at established pick-up locations each Monday.
  - The District will follow summer food guidelines, which require students to pick up food in person. The District will follow changing standards from the OPI.
  - The District will continue its backpack food program, adjusting to our new distribution schedule.

**3. Services for students with disability: The District has implemented the following strategies to ensure that each student who is on an IEP or 504 Plan continue to receive the educational and related services to make progress towards their individual goals. The strategies identified below are customized and differentiated to meet the individual needs of each IDEA and 504 students.**

- The District is providing a Free and Appropriate Education for students with disabilities.
- The District is conducting IDEA and 504 meetings via electronic means and/or meeting in person, but complying with CDC Guidelines, State Guidelines and/or local health guidelines;
- The District is providing educational and related services, in collaboration with parents and staff, through all means available, including
  - On-line lessons
    - Students have access to online adopted curriculum
    - IXL
    - Success Maker
    - Typing Club online
    - Moby Max
    - Etc.
  - Video chats/tutoring
    - Facebook Live
    - Google Hangouts
    - Skype
    - Etc.
  - Phone calls
  - Hard copy packets of materials
  - Textbooks
  - Teacher Webpages
- The District will work within the parameters of IDEA, regarding the privacy rights of all students and families.

**4. Other services customarily provided to students: The District has implemented the following strategies to ensure that our students receive service that we provide the same as if pupils were being educated on-site.**

- The District is providing guidance counseling supports and services.
  - Phone calls
  - Video chats/tutoring
    - Facebook Live
    - Google Hangouts
    - Etc.
- The District is providing social and emotional supports and services.
  - Phone calls
  - Video chats/tutoring
    - Facebook Live
    - Google Hangouts
    - Etc.
- The District is working with CSCT program to continue to provide tele-health services
- The District is further providing support services for our staff, including current health updates.
  - CDC Guidelines and updates
  - County Health contacts and updates
  - MT-PEC Guidelines and updates
  - DPHHS Guidelines and updates
- The District will provide updates for families and the community regarding school closures and COVID-19 health precautions, including but not limited to the following mechanisms:
  - Infinite Campus updates
  - School Web Page
  - School Facebook Page
  - Local newspaper articles
  - Phone Calls
  - E-Mails