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Dear Ohkay Owingeh Parents and Families,

Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham has coordinated with the NM Department of Health and the NM Public Education Department and decided to close all public schools in the state due to the outbreak of COVID-19. After the decision was made by Governor Lujan-Grisham, the Ohkay Owingeh Board of Education met with school officials and decided to align the schools with the State.

We want you to know that we are taking this pandemic serious. The health and safety of the children and staff are of the utmost importance. In order to assist in the containment of this novel virus, the Ohkay Owingeh Community School and Ohkay Owingeh Head Start will be closed from March 16-April 3, 2020. The schools will plan to open on Monday, April 6th but we will keep parents and families apprised of any changes.

The Ohkay Owingeh Community Library will also be closed to the public during this time period.

The Board will be meeting with school officials on Monday morning to discuss several issues that will need to be addressed over these three weeks. Among the topics are what students should be expected to do, school lunches and employee expectations.

Events related to school closures have also been postponed or cancelled. Please reach out to either Principal Sena or Head Start Director Ken Trujillo with any specific questions.

Thank you for your help and cooperation during this time.

Respectfully,

Dominic Aguino
Board of Education Vice President