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Parents and Students of Gallup-McKinley County Schools,

Governor Lujan-Grisham announced today that all New Mexico Public Schools will be closed through the end of the current school year. This closure is unprecedented in the State and will likely create many questions for our parents, students, staff, and community members. We want to assure our parents that our student's education will be at the forefront of every decision that we make throughout this closure. We are being proactive in working to support safety measures for our students and staff as we consider our available options for the continuation of meals and providing educational activities. It is vitally important that we maintain safety precautions within District activities so that we support the county, state and nationwide efforts to protect our citizens.

GMCS has been working on plans to provide homebound educational activities for our students. In the coming days we will be releasing information about what educational activities will be provided during the closure. We understand the complexity of homebound education and will work to make these educational activities as appropriate as possible. We do not want to penalize our students for circumstances that are beyond their control.

Specific requirements will be released to address the earning of high school credits. We will be especially careful as it pertains to students who are expecting to graduate this year. This closure has had a significant impact on all students but its effects are even more difficult for our seniors. We are deeply saddened that many of the dances, ceremonies and celebratory events have been interrupted. We are aware that our seniors should be in a period of transition and celebration for hard work and accomplishments. As a result, we are paying special attention to our senior's needs to help them receive their diploma.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while GMCS continues to navigate the challenging and changing landscape of education at this time. We will continue to send out information by text, [www.gmcs.org](http://www.gmcs.org), radio, and other social media avenues to address questions and concerns.

Respectfully,

Mike Hyatt