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Hello Friends,

As we enter the push to contain the spread of Coronavirus, we can continue to find optimism in the creativity and resilience Americans bring when pushed by forces larger than ourselves.

Many of us have discovered how to use Zoom to conduct business meetings and to enable community groups to move forward and coordinate services. Our faith community has begun using live streaming and websites to help congregations stay connected, and Oregon agencies are working overtime to keep their services open and accessible.

Tomorrow the Joint Special Committee on Coronavirus Response will meet at 10:00am to organize and begin work on our appointed goals. You can submit written material online to allow your concerns to be heard as there will only be invited testimony due to restrictions on social distancing and crowds, and closure of the Capitol. [Tune in at 10:00am and let me know what you think about our work ahead.](#)

This evening Governor Brown released the following impacts through Executive Order:

The orders, outlined in Executive Order [20-08](#), are as follows:

- Schools are to remain closed through Tuesday, April 28, 2020.
- Districts are to provide learning supports and supplemental services to students and families during the closure period, including meals and child care. This includes the delivery of food assistance and offering child care for essential health care professionals and first responders.
- School districts may call on public school educators and employees to deliver limited learning and support services.
- Each district will pay all their regular employees during the closure.
- The Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, and Department of Human Services are directed to support public schools in the continuity of mental health services.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denyc Boles".

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