

# Browning Public Schools

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Dear Governor Steve Bullock,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Browning School Board of Trustees and School District #9. Please consider closing schools for the remainder of the school year, with the exception of breakfast, lunch and supper food services and online counseling to our students. We are extremely troubled by the amount of people being called in, or going in and out of our district to provide educational services to our students at this time. Our number one concern is the LIFE OR DEATH emergency situations and we wish to do everything possible to keep our community healthy and safe. Our community is a high-risk population and there are many homes with large or multiple families living in nearly every room. Sending even one representative of a family into our district to do simple duties can result in infecting an entire family and our community. We do not want to be responsible for causing death.

Many of our families and their children do not have internet, nor are they in close proximity to it. We are concerned that the packets we are providing to students via pickup, delivery and by mail may somehow lead to a spreading of the virus either directly or indirectly. Giving an added stressor to our community by making them be teachers at home is not conducive to how our students learn. Holding the district accountable to continue this way of educating only adds to the anxiety in our community.

Our tribal government has also issued a stay at home order a traffic restriction order which by sending out packets and having educational staff come to the district at all violates this order.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We know you care about all Montanans and are hopeful that we will see a steady decline in COVID-19.

Respectfully,

Corrina Guardipee-Hall ED.S.  
Superintendent

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