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South Fork Community,

I want to start by thanking all involved in making our emergency campus closure yesterday as successful as possible. We at South Fork understand that the classroom is the best setting for our students to thrive. However, situations like yesterday happen when factors come together that force us to close campus for the safety of students and staff. Safety is ultimately the most important reason. Unfortunately, when the combination of forecasted accumulation and early morning road conditions worsening are present, we will err on the side of caution.

That said, I am proud of the e-learning product we rolled out yesterday. Mrs. Rogers and I both visited virtual classrooms where we saw learning happening. Teachers were providing live instruction, and students were engaged. Early data on attendance numbers also show very positive feedback. Students attended classrooms at appropriate times.

Again, we know in-person learning is the best scenario, and we will always strive to make that happen as much as possible, but not at the risk of safety. We will continue to use e-learning days but would like some feedback. We want to learn and grow just like our students. How can we do better providing e-learning? We have provided a survey on our Facebook pages and our district website. We ask parents to please give some responses through that portal. We are also asking students at the Jr/Sr High level to do the same.

Thank you, Pony Nation, for helping our school and the people in it find success.

Chris Clark
SF Superintendent