April 22, 2020

Patrons of Salmon River JSD 243,

Who would have thought that in the thirteen years as a district we would have experienced an economic recession and now we are in the middle of a coronavirus pandemic! But, unlike the earlier recession the district is in a much better position to endure the current crisis thanks to the continual support of the community.

Over the years, we have been able to continue to hire and retain quality individuals to work with our students. We are also seeing an increase in enrollment due in part by a number of Salmon River Alumni returning to the area to raise their children in the Riggins area. All new students and their parents have made a positive impact on our schools.

The teachers and students have been working at implementing the new language art and math curriculum that was purchased last year. Due to the coronavirus the staff, students and parents have transitioned to “distant learning” because of the “soft closure” requirement implemented the Idaho State Board of Education on all Idaho schools for the remainder of the school year. On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank everyone for helping support or students and their parents during this time.

At the end of the school year Jeri Best is retiring. She is currently our high school counselor. Over the years, she has served in a number of different roles, including the high school secretary for a number of years.

Even though, the school district is in a “soft closure” we will still have a graduation ceremony to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors. The high school staff and seniors are working on details that meet the appropriate regulations that we are currently under.

The election for the Supplemental Levey is Tuesday May 19th. Please see attached “Fact Sheet” for more information on the Supplemental Levey. Most importantly, remember to Vote.

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic You MUST vote by Absentee ballot. You must request an absentee ballot from the county in which you live in or you can make the request online at idahovotes.gov. by May 19th and return the ballot back to your County Clerk’s office by June 2nd.***

Thanks again for your continual support.

Sincerely,

Jim Doramus