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Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear AUSD Students, Parents, Staff and Community,

Today the Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education and I are announcing the “dismissal” of all Alhambra Unified School District schools and programs, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 6, 2020. To be clear, there are no diagnosed cases of COVID-19 within any of our schools, and this decision is driven by one primary concern: the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community.

We will re-evaluate our status to determine re-opening or continuing dismissal mode after April 6, 2020. I will let you know once that determination is made.

We are committed to doing everything we can to support our families and our staff during this dismissal. You will be receiving a Blackboard Connect letter from me with answers to Frequently Asked Questions about our continuity of instruction plan, meals, computers, childcare opportunities, other services, and a list of resources. This information will also be posted on our District website. Each school is linked to the District website.

### **This is our plan for School Dismissal:**

**Week of March 16** - Schools Dismissed (staff working at sites to finalize continuity of instruction plans for distance learning, and communicate those plans to students. Teachers will be in touch with students by Thursday, March 19 to initiate distance learning protocols).

**Week of March 23** - Schools Dismissed (students participating in distance learning)

**Week of March 30** - Spring Break as previously calendared; No instruction provided. On Tuesday, March 31st, all district offices, and facilities will be closed.

**Week of April 6** (April 6 is a student-free day) A decision will be made to determine if schools will reopen or if the District will remain on distance learning.

Distance learning will continue indefinitely should school dismissal continue after spring break. It must be noted, however, that the decision to dismiss our students from school was made by the District under the consultation of local authorities and through extensive conversation with education partners. It was not made by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH). The above plan could change should DPH call for a full school closure.

We know that the upcoming school dismissal will be a hardship for some, but as members of a larger society, protecting the most vulnerable among us is everybody's responsibility. We are committed to working with you as challenges arise. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school.

Thank you to all who have shared your ideas and thoughts with us, they have been invaluable. We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate this ever-changing situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise R. Jaramillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "J".

Denise R. Jaramillo  
Superintendent  
Alhambra Unified School District

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