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Sunday, March 15, 2020

Dear Bakersfield City School District Parents/Guardians and Staff,

For the past three weeks, the Bakersfield City School District Administrative team has worked tirelessly to address your concerns related to COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus. The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Each decision and course of action has not come lightly. With thoughtful consideration, we have decided to close all district schools effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, until further notice.

Before direction from Governor Gavin Newsom to provide education and nutrition to students in the event of school closures, the BCSD Administrative team was already addressing those needs. We hope to be a source of comfort and support for our families and staff during this time. We will be able to close our schools and continue to meet the needs of our students, families and staff. BCSD will provide meals to all interested students 18 years and younger. Locations and times will be announced and more information will be forthcoming. We will also share additional information on distance-learning in the coming days. Please begin to make any accommodations you may need knowing your student will be home.

We thank you for your understanding as we navigate this difficult and unprecedented situation. Please look for a follow-up letter from BCSD in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Doc Ervin
Superintendent
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