



CYPRESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Cypress School District Community:

Public health and safety are of the highest importance. At an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees this afternoon, the Board adopted Resolution 190-16, authorizing the Superintendent to take all appropriate action to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As such, out of an abundance of caution, students will be dismissed from school Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, 2020, and all school-related activities will be canceled. Parent conferences that were scheduled for next week will be conducted by telephone. Your school will initiate these phone calls. Spring break will remain as scheduled March 23-27, 2020, for traditional calendar schools. Landell will be on spring break from March 23 through April 15, 2020. We will be providing additional communication should it become necessary to extend student dismissal from school beyond spring break.

It is important to note that student dismissal from school is strictly a precautionary measure. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cypress School District or any other districts in Orange County.

Our district is taking a number of steps to alleviate the impact of student dismissal from school on students and their families. To support student learning during this period, lessons and educational materials will be made available for all students, in both electronic and printed form. Additionally, the district will be providing school meals so that students have access to breakfast and lunch the week of March 16. District communication that details how families can access these resources will be forthcoming in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, federal, state, and local health agencies advise that students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep caregivers and adult family members safe. While children have not been shown to be at high-risk for serious illness from COVID-19, these steps are critically important in supporting public health as children can transmit the virus to those most vulnerable.

We will continue to send updates to families through School Messenger on any developments that impact student attendance at school. Information will also be posted under News and Announcements on the district website.

Thank you for your partnership and support as we work together to ensure the continued health and safety of our school community.

Sincerely,

Anne Silavs
Superintendent

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