



Whittier City School District

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March 20, 2020

Dear Whittier City School District Families and Staff,

Collectively, we are experiencing an extraordinary moment in our nation and throughout the world. Our daily activities and routines, both personally and professionally, have been abruptly altered. As we know, the current situation with COVID-19 (known as the novel coronavirus) is fluid, and we all, rightfully, share in the responsibility to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. We are entirely focused on the health and safety of our students, staff, and families.

Out of an abundance of caution and care, the Los Angeles County Office of Education has extended the recommendation for schools to be closed through the end of April. The Whittier City School District Board of Education is in unanimous support of this recommendation and thus, **school is scheduled to resume on Tuesday, May 5, 2020**. If the County informs us that we may return sooner, we will be happy to do so.

Please see our [WCSD Continuity of Education Plan](#) for grade specific educational resources, ideas for social & emotional support, opportunities for health & physical education, and art activities. Additional information on our updated Continuity of Education Plan is forthcoming. As we move forward with instruction, we will be assessing the needs of our families via a survey sent through Parent Square in order to determine a plan for providing devices to students for continued learning. Please note there is no expectation for assignments to be graded, or assigned points toward grades. Students will not be penalized for lack of completion. However, we are working on a system where teachers can provide students with feedback on the work they have completed. Please note that state testing has been canceled for this school year.

District staff will continue to work on call, remotely, and on an as-needed basis in order to perform essential operations. We will continue to serve "Grab and Go" meals from 8 A.M. - 9 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. from March 30th until April 3rd. Starting April 6th, both breakfast and lunch meals will be served from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. All students in Whittier City and children under 18 may receive meals at the following locations:

- Dexter Middle School: 11532 E. Floral Drive, Whittier, 90601
- Edwards Middle School: 6812 S. Norwalk Blvd., Whittier, 90606
- Andrews K - 8 School: 1010 S. Caraway Drive, Whittier, 90601

Thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation as the Whittier City School District Board of Education and administrators take the necessary steps for the health and safety of our students and staff. The District will continue to closely monitor the status of COVID-19 and will provide you with updated information as it becomes available. Together we are stronger, will successfully navigate these uncertain times, and will flatten the curve of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Ed.D.

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CIERRE DE ESCUELAS EN TODO EL DISTRITO

El 20 de marzo de 2020

Estimadas familias y personal del distrito escolar de la ciudad de Whittier:

Colectivamente, estamos viviendo un momento extraordinario en nuestra nación y en todo el mundo. Nuestras actividades y rutinas diarias, tanto personales como profesionales, han sido alteradas abruptamente. Como sabemos, la situación actual con COVID-19 (conocida el coronavirus) es fluida, y todos, compartimos la responsabilidad de hacer nuestra parte para frenar la propagación de COVID-19. Estamos completamente enfocados en la salud y la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes, personal y familias.

Debido a la abundancia de precaución y cuidado, la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Los Ángeles ha extendido la recomendación de que las escuelas cierren hasta los finales de abril. La Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Whittier apoya unánimemente esta recomendación y, por lo tanto, **la escuela está programada para abrir el 5 de mayo del 2020.**

Consulte nuestro [Plan de Continuidad de Educación de WCSD](#) para obtener recursos educativos para cada grado. El sitio web también incluye apoyo social y emocional, oportunidades para la salud y educación física y actividades artísticas. Próximamente se proporcionará información adicional sobre nuestro Plan de Continuidad de Educación. Nuestros próximos pasos es evaluar las necesidades de nuestras familias a través de una encuesta enviada por Parent Square para determinar un plan para proveer aparatos tecnológicos a los estudiantes para continuar el aprendizaje. Tenga en cuenta que no se espera que las tareas se califiquen o que se asignen puntos hacia las calificaciones. Los estudiantes no serán penalizados por falta de completar trabajo. Sin embargo, estamos trabajando en crear un sistema que permita los maestros proporcionar comentarios o consejos sobre el trabajo completado. Tenga en cuenta que las pruebas estatales (SBAC) se han cancelado para este año escolar.

Continuaremos sirviendo comidas “Grab and Go” desde las 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. y 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. desde el 30 de marzo hasta el 3 de abril. A partir del 6 de abril, tanto el desayuno como el almuerzo se servirán a partir de las 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Todos los estudiantes en Whittier City y los niños menores de 18 años pueden recibir comidas en los siguientes lugares:

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Gracias por su apoyo, comprensión y cooperación mientras la Junta de Educación y los administradores del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Whittier toman las medidas necesarias para la salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y empleados. El Distrito continuará monitoreando de cerca el estado de COVID-19 y le proporcionará información a medida que esté disponible. Juntos somos más fuertes, navegaremos con éxito en estos tiempos inciertos y aplanaremos la curva de COVID-19.

Sinceramente,
Maria Martinez-Poulin, Ed.D.
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