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Dear Bear Valley Unified School District Families and Staff,

The impacts of the coronavirus are touching every aspect of our lives and forcing all of us to find creative ways to adapt to this unprecedented situation. We know the disruption in normal school operations has created many issues and uncertainties for you and your families, from childcare and meals to graduation plans and college preparation. In this letter, we will answer some of your most pressing questions related to these concerns as best as we can at this time.

Please be advised, the information provided below may be subject to change as we receive further guidance from State and County officials.

When will school sites reopen?

In coordination with the San Bernardino County Office of Education, the San Bernardino County Superintendent's Office and other San Bernardino County school districts, the Bear Valley Unified School District will keep our school sites closed **at least through Friday, May 1.**

During the school closures we will continue to provide distance learning for all students. We expect all students to participate in the distance learning opportunities in order to master new content at their grade level and in their coursework. Teachers will be providing instruction online to support ongoing student learning. If you have not made contact with your child's teacher or principal, please do so immediately via email, or your teachers' preferred method of communication. We want our students to continue to learn new content and be successful.

Our new target date to reopen is Monday, May 4. As you know, things are changing daily, so there is the potential that the closures could be extended beyond May 1. On March 17, California Governor Gavin Newsom advised parents to prepare for the possibility that schools may be closed through the summer break. While that could indeed happen, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve enough to allow us to reopen before the end of the school year.

Are school sites and the District office open and how can I get updated information?

Although schools and district offices will be closed to students and families until May 1, your teachers will be in constant communication with you during regular school hours to provide support and instruction; however, during the weeks of March 30- April 10th, we will be on break. You may also email your child's teacher or principal for specific questions. The Bear Valley Unified School District Facebook, App, and web page will continue to provide updated information regarding school closures.

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Will graduation ceremonies be held?

Like all of you, we want nothing more than to honor our students for their accomplishments. The thought of graduation ceremonies being canceled is heartbreaking, and we will do all we can to make them happen. At this time, we have not canceled or postponed our graduation ceremonies. In the event that the current public health concerns continue, we will explore future dates to recognize our students for their achievements.

Will distance learning be provided for students at home?

We are currently providing distance learning for our students. Prior to the closure, our staff began the coordination and planning to provide high-quality distance learning with equitable access for all students, including those with special needs. Being mindful of student access to technology, our teachers are being flexible with assignments and submission dates and coordinating with families on a case-by-case basis if technology is limited or not available. Our teachers continue to adapt to this new model of providing instruction.

What if my child does not have a chrome book, a text, or other materials he or she needs?

In response to the extended closure, each school has developed a plan to make resources available to students. Please contact your school for more details about how to acquire a device for your student if one is needed.

Will distance learning work be graded?

Teachers of the BVUSD are applying flexibility and understanding as students are confronted with the ever-changing and challenging demands of life at home during the pandemic. With this in mind, we want our students to continue to engage in learning on a daily basis to continue their academic goals and objectives. Our teachers are determined to support students as they work to successfully complete their courses to earn full credit toward graduation.

Are students required to participate in remote learning?

Our distance learning began on Monday, March 16, and most students have been participating on a daily basis. It's important that students engage daily, to the greatest extent possible, so that they can make progress toward achieving the academic goals in each class. However, we understand some families may have situations that make participation difficult; we are prepared to discuss those situations on a case-by-case basis. Teachers will continue to reach out to students who have not participated to ensure that a plan is developed that will allow them to engage in distance learning. Please contact your principal or teacher if your student is experiencing difficulty accessing the materials they need to complete their coursework.

How do I contact my student's counselor or teacher?

Our counselors are skilled at assisting students experiencing personal difficulties and their help during our closure will be invaluable to our students' well-being. Counselors from Big Bear High School and Big Bear Middle School are available to answer questions via email during regular school hours. Counselors can advise students in a variety of ways and they will field student calls related to academic, career, post-secondary, personal, and social issues. During the school closure, some students may be struggling with additional issues related to isolation.

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Your student should already have a means of connecting with each of their teachers, either through Remind, DoJo or through their Google Classroom. If a student is having difficulty connecting with a teacher, please contact the school site administrator to support communication with the teacher.

What is happening with SAT, ACT, AP, and CAASPP testing?

SAT and AP: The College Board, which administers the SAT, has canceled the May 2nd SAT test date and has said they will provide refunds to families who were registered to take those assessments. The next SAT test date is June 6th with the location unknown at this time and with a registration deadline of May 27th. The College Board is also working on remote learning for AP students and a plan to allow AP tests to be taken at home. The situation is changing frequently, so please see their latest updates on the [College Board COVID-19 website](#).

ACT: The April 4th ACT test date has been rescheduled to June 13th. Please get the latest information on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#).

CAASPP: Governor Newsom signed an executive order suspending this year's statewide testing (CAASPP) for all California K-12 students due to the pandemic. This suspension does require federal approval, and we will keep all of our families updated on these developments.

Will school meals continue to be provided?

Yes. We will continue to provide school meals for our students. Grab-and-Go Meals for breakfast and lunch may be picked up between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., Monday-Friday, March 23-27th.

Grab-and-Go lunches are available at all school sites in the district. Students may pick up meals at the school location nearest to them. Meals will still be provided up to spring break and will resume on April 13, 2020. Schools are also making arrangements to help with emergency delivery of food for students in crisis. Please contact your principal via email if you are struggling with securing food services.

Please know there are dedicated teachers, administrators, and support staff working hard to provide for your students' academic needs and overall wellbeing during these challenging times. This situation is evolving rapidly, and we will continue to share new information with you as we have it. For the latest updates, please visit the district website and Facebook page.

Sincerely



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Estimados empleados y familias de Bear Valley Unified School District:

Los impactos de coronavirus estan tocando cada aspecto de nuestras vidas y nos esta forzando a encontrar maneras diferentes para adaptar en esta situacion. Nosotros sabemos que esta interrupcion en actividades normales en la escuela han creado problemas y incertidumbres para ustedes y sus familias, de cuidado de ninos, comida, hasta planes para graduacion y preparaciones universitaria. En esta carta, vamos a responder ha algunas de unas de las preguntas en la mejor manera que podemos ahora.

Por favor sea avisado que la informacion prevista puede cambiar en cuando recibimos nueva informacion y guias de oficiales de el estado.

Cuando van abrir las escuelas?

En coordinacion con la Oficina De Educacion de el County de San Bernardino La Oficina de el Superintendente de San Bernardino y otros oficiales de escuelas en San Bernardino, Bear Valley Unified School District mantedran las escuelas cerradas hasta el 1 de Mayo. Durante este cierre de esculas vamos ha continuar proporcionando aprendizaje a distancia. Esperamos que todos nuestros estudiantes participen en esta oportunidad para aprender nuevos conceptos en su nivel de grado y en sus cursos. Maestros proporcionaran instruccion en pajina de web para apoyar sus estudiantes. Si todavia no han contactado sus maestros, por favor contactelos inmediatamente por telefono, correo electronio o su metodo preferido de comunicacion. Deseamos que nuestros estudiantes aprendan nuevos conceptos y sean exitosos. Nuestra nueva fecha para abrir las escuelas es el 4 de Mayo. Como ustedes saben, informacion esta cambiando diariamente, y hay portencial que las escuelas esten cerradas ha pasado de 1 de Mayo. En 17 de Marzo, el Gobierno Gavin Newson aconsejo a los padres que se preparen a la posibilidad que escuelas pueden estar cerradas hasta el verano. Mientras esto es una posibilidad, esperamos que vamos ha poder regresar antes de el verano.

Estan abiertas las escuelas y la oficina de el Distrito, y como puedo obtener informacion actual?

Aunque las esculas y la Oficina de el Distrito estaran cerradas para estudiantes y familias hasta el 1 de Mayo, sus maestros estaran comunicando con ustedes duranta horas de escuela para provistar apoyo y instruccion. Pero, durante de las semanas de el 30 de Marzo a el 10 de Avril, vamos ha estar en vacaciones. Puede comunicar se por correo electronico con sus maestros o principal si tiene preguntas. Vamos a continuar a poner infomacion actual el la pajina de web de Bear Valley Unified School District y en Facebook.

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Serán celebradas ceremonias de graduación?

Como todos ustedes, deseamos celebrar nuestros estudiantes por sus éxitos. Pensar en cancelar las ceremonias es desgarrador para nosotros y vamos a hacer todo lo posible para que sucedan. Todavía no hemos cancelado las ceremonias de graduación. En caso que las condiciones actuales continúen, nosotros exploraremos otras fechas para reconocer a nuestros estudiantes por sus éxitos.

Se proporcionará aprendizaje a distancia para estudiantes en la casa?

Estamos proporcionando aprendizaje a distancia para nuestros estudiantes. Antes de la cierre de escuelas, nuestros empleados empezaron a coordinar el aprendizaje en la casa con materiales y accesibilidad para todos nuestros estudiantes incluso a los estudiantes con necesidades especiales. Tenemos en mente el acceso que tienen los estudiantes y nuestros maestros están siendo flexibles con sus deberes. Si hay familias que no tienen la tecnología para completar sus deberes, los maestros coordinarán otros materiales en caso por caso. Nuestros maestros adaptarán a esta nueva manera de instrucción.

¿Qué pasa si no tenemos un Chromebook o materiales que necesitan?

En respuesta para un cierre extendido, cada escuela tiene un plan para proporcionar materiales para estudiantes. Por favor contacte su escuela para más detalles.

Se calificará el aprendizaje a distancia?

Los maestros de Bear Valley Unified School District serán flexibles mientras los estudiantes están enfrentados con dificultades de aprendizaje en la casa en este tiempo de pandemia. Con esto en mente, queremos que nuestros estudiantes continúen a participar diariamente para continuar sus metas académicas y objetivos. Nuestros maestros estarán apoyando a nuestros estudiantes para que sean éxitos en sus cursos.

Se requiere que los estudiantes participen en aprendizaje a distancia?

Nuestro aprendizaje a distancia empezó el 16 de Marzo y la mayoría de los estudiantes han participado en sus clases. Es importante que los estudiantes participen diariamente a lo máximo posible, para que puedan trabajar a lograr sus metas académicas en cada clase. Pero, entendemos que algunas familias tendrán situaciones que hacen difícil participar, estamos disponibles para ayudar en estas situaciones. Los maestros continuarán a contactar a los estudiantes que no han participado para formar un plan que les ayude a participar. Por favor contacte a sus maestros o al principal si su estudiante está teniendo dificultades en obtener materiales para sus cursos.

¿Cómo puedo contactar a el consejero o maestro de mi estudiante?

Nuestros consejeros tienen experiencia apoyando a los estudiantes que tienen dificultades personales y pueden ayudarlos durante el cierre de escuelas. Los consejeros escolares de Big Bear High School y Big Bear Middle School estarán disponibles para responder a preguntas durante las horas normales de las escuelas por correo electrónico. Los consejeros escolares podrán asistir a nuestros estudiantes en varias formas y responder a preguntas que tendrán sobre metas académicas, universitarias, problemas sociales y personales. Durante este tiempo de incertidumbre, los estudiantes pueden estar luchando con problemas de aislamiento. Su estudiante ya tendrá forma de contactar a sus maestros, en Remind o DoJo o en Google Classroom. Si tiene

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dificultad en contactar sus maestros, por favor contacten a su escuela para obtener informacion para comunicarse con sus maestros.

Que esta pasando con exámenes de SAT, ACT, AP y CAASP?

SAT y AP: El Consejo de Educacion Superior ha cancelado el examen de SAT el 2 de Mayo y van a proporcionar reembolsos para familias registradas para ese examen. La proxima fecha de SAT es el 6 de Junio, con local desconocido en este tiempo y una fecha de vencimiento de el 27 de Mayo. El consejo de Educacion Superior esta luchando a propocionar aprendizaje en el internet para estudiantes de AP y un plan para que estudiantes tomen su examen en las casa. La situacion esta cambiando diariamente, por favor vea informacion en College Board COVID-19 website.

ACT: El examen de 4 de Abril a sido reprogramado a el 13 de Junio. Por favor vea informacion actual en ACT COVID-19 website.

CAASP: El Gobierno Newson a firmado una orden ejecutiva suspendiendo todos exámenes de el estado para esdudiantes de K – 12 grado. Esta suspension si necesita confirmacion federal, y los mentendremos informados.

Se proporcionaran comidas?

Si. Continuaremos proporcionando comida para nuestros estudiantes de 11:00 AM a 11:45 AM de lunes a viernes, 23 de Marzo a 27 a Marzo. Comida sera disponible en todas las escuelas de y pueden ir a el sitio mas cerca de su casa. Comida sera proporcionada hasta vacaciones de primavera y reanudaran el 13 de Abril. Escuelas estan preparando un plan para ayudar en la entrega de comida de emergencia para estudiantes en crisis. Por favor contacten su principal por correo electronico si tiene problemas para consguir comida.

Por favor sepa que hay maestros, oficiales, y empleados dedicados a apoyar a sus estudiantes con sus metas academicas, y bienestar durante este tiempo de incertidumbre. Esta situacion evolucionando rapidamente, y continuaremos compartiendo informacion actual con ustedes en nuestra pajina de web, y en Facebook.

Sinceramente,

Mary Suzuki

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