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Dear PUSD Parents, Guardians, Community and Friends:

Last week was an unprecedented week and I want to start by thanking you for your patience, understanding and support. As details rapidly unfolded regarding COVID-19 prevention methods, we were tasked with ensuring that all of our students and staff were safe. As you know, we went from hand-washing advisories to a strong closure recommendation from the Los Angeles County Office of Education in a short span of time. Thankfully, as of today we have no reports of known COVID-19 infection among PUSD students or staff.

While I am relieved to know that students and staff are safe and surrounded by family at their respective homes, the work of my Cabinet members, directors, principals and essential staff continues. I am directing essential staff to help with further prevention efforts. Our team will immediately commence deep-cleanings of school facilities in preparation for the return of our students, which is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020.

Equally important are the supplemental academic resources that staff members are making available to students throughout the two-week closure and Spring Break. Please be aware that our teachers are affected by the LACOE school-closure mandate as well. Therefore, additional materials, supplies and lessons are currently being developed for TK-12. We are still committed to providing a continuity of learning to the extent that we can under these emergency circumstances.

As well, I have other essential staff members working throughout the weekend to support our students with daily meal distribution for breakfast and lunch starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until Friday, March 27, 2020 from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

The locations for student Grab-and-Go meal distributions are as follows: (free meals are available to all children under 18, and they must be present to secure meals)

1. ***Emerson Middle School: 635 Lincoln Avenue, Pomona, CA***
2. ***Ganesha High School: 1151 Fairplex Drive, Pomona, CA***
3. ***Garey High School: 321 Lexington Avenue, Pomona, CA***
4. ***Golden Springs Elementary: 245 South Ballena Drive, Diamond Bar, CA***
5. ***Palomares Academy of Health Sciences: 221 North Orange Grove Avenue, Pomona CA***

Again, I thank you for your support of our Pomona and Diamond Bar students. We value the trust that you have in our PUSD team and we are committed to providing all students and families our best service and support.

Most Sincerely,

Richard Martinez
Superintendent