



March 18, 2020

Dear CVCHS Families:

I hope this email finds your family in good health and positive spirits. This is a challenging and surreal episode in each of our lives - something none of us have confronted and we hope to never confront again. Please remain hopeful and know that together we will get through this and be back to normal as soon as possible.

Today we had a great turnout for laptop pickup and food services. We are glad to provide these supports to families and the community during this time. Our staff were able to check out 229 laptops to students and our food services team handed out over 400 meals. Our website has also been updated with the Google translate feature if you need to read our materials in a language other than English. If you need any resources from the school going forward, please see below for our office hours.

Moving forward, campus access is severely restricted and I wanted to take this update to share the decision from last night's CVCHS Governing Board meeting, as well as reiterate our school's next steps.

Last night, the CVCHS Governing Board met to determine our best course of action moving forward. Given the fluid situation, we all recognize circumstances could change and impact when regular school operations resume. Based on our discussion last night, here is a summary of our Board's decision at this time.

CVCHS will remain closed through the Contra Costa County shelter in place order, which takes us into Spring Break and through April 7th. CVCHS' tentative reopen date is April 14, 2020. However, the Governing Board will meet regularly between now and the approach to April 14 to assess this date, ensuring we adhere to and taking into consideration all recommendations and mandates coming from the local, state and federal agencies. A formal announcement that school is reopening will happen at least 72 hours prior to the reopening date.

Beyond CVCHS' next steps, I also want to address the recent remarks by Governor Newsom. In yesterday's press conference, the Governor speculated that schools might not reopen until Fall, 2020. Please note that Governor Newsom was sharing

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his opinion and not an official statement. To date, CVCHS has not received official guidance from any authority regarding an extension of the school's closure. CVCHS and the Board closely monitor all communication from state and local agencies and will continue to keep our community updated.

Regardless of any future official directives by county, state and federal agencies, please recognize that CVCHS is committed to providing academic and social-emotional support to our students and families during our closure period. CVCHS has a plan in place that is being finalized this week and we're moving forward with a focus on our students. Please continue to check Schoology for the coursework being assigned to students. I am confident in our teachers, support staff, leadership and Board, as well as in the steadfast dedication of our students and families. Please remain in electronic contact with your teachers and stay updated to the latest school news via the CVCHS website. Our staff directory is [here](#). For any additional questions, please contact the front office at (925) 682-7474 between 7:30 am and 12:30 pm.

Please continue to reference the links below for information regarding the various online programs CVCHS offers to students:

- [Schoology](#)
- [Powerschool](#)
- [Achieve 3000](#)

Beyond academics, during this time we encourage your child(ren) to adhere to all health protocols and observe safe distances to help slow the spread. I recognize the challenges of having your students home. For the sake of slowing the spread of the coronavirus, it is important to ensure our students are staying at home (shelter in place) and away from large groups.

Moving forward, most of our staff is working remotely from home. Beginning Thursday, March 19th, campus access will be restricted with limited staff on site. The front office will be staffed on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Food service is available from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as shared in prior communications.

We have shared several communications with families over the past few days, including important information regarding distance learning and social-emotional support resources for students. Those communications can be found below, starting with our most recent communication:

- [3/17 family update](#)
- [3/16 family newsletter](#)
- [3/15 family update](#)
- [3/13 family update](#)

- [3/9 newsletter](#)

Our priority is the safety and well-being of your children and family members. I remain confident that our collective partnership grows stronger as we find support in each other during this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

Jim Scheible
Executive Director