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News Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Buena Park School District, the Fullerton Elementary School District, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, the La Habra School District and the Lowell Joint School District, serving nearly 40,000 students combined, announced today, that all five districts will close, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Superintendents Dr. Ramon Miramontes, Dr. Robert Pletka, Dr. Scott Scambray, Dr. Joanne Culverhouse and Mr. Jim Coombs spoke by phone with the Orange County Department of Education this morning. They have issued the following joint statement:

“Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with the Orange County Department of Education, the Orange County Health Care Agency, and local public health, Buena Park School District has ordered all BPSD schools to close in order to curb the potential transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19). All school district feeding into the Fullerton Joint Unified School District, including the Buena Park School District will be closed from Monday March 16th through Friday, March 27, 2020 and return on **Monday, March 30, 2020.**”

We understand this action may pose added hardship for some of our families. Please visit our website for a list of community resources. While your students remain home, we encourage you to continue to practice good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Buena Park School District is in the process of providing options we have for our students to continue learning while the school is closed. We will remain in close contact with the Orange County Department of Education, the California Department of Education, the Orange County Health Care Agency and State public health officials throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate.

We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from Orange County Health Care Agency and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

If you have health-related questions, please contact your school nurse and/or health clerk. If you have questions about our school, please contact your school principal or designee.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramon Miramontes
Superintendent of Schools