



March 16, 2020

Dear Cypress School District Families:

Thank you for your patience and support during this extraordinary time of uncertainty as we navigate the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our highest priority is the health and safety of our school community.

As you are aware, Cypress School District students have been dismissed from school this week due to COVID-19. This letter contains important information that families need to know for the week of March 16-20, 2020.

- Teachers and staff are working to prepare lessons that students can do while dismissed from school this week. Please check your email for information from your child's teacher on **Wednesday, March 18**.
- In most cases, textbooks and instructional materials were sent home with students on Friday for home use. However, kindergarten students who were dismissed earlier that day, sixth graders who were returning from camp, and students who were absent were not able to take these instructional materials home on Friday. Parents of these students will be notified by school office staff on Tuesday, March 17, when they may pick up these materials from their child's school.
- All teachers and many classified support staff are working from home this week, so the only way to communicate with your child's teacher is electronically through district email or other internet-based platforms in use in your child's classroom.
- School meal distribution will occur at all school sites this week from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for any child age 18 and under (see attached flyer). Students may pick up meals at any school location, not just their home school. There will be no student meals served the week of March 23-27 due to spring break.
- All parent conferences are canceled this week.
- All Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings are canceled this week.
- School offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 20. School offices will be closed during spring break.
- Paperwork for new students enrolling for the 2020/21 school year will continue to be accepted during school office hours.
- Spring break will remain as scheduled from March 23-27 for traditional calendar schools and March 23 through April 15 for Landell. Teachers will also be on break and unavailable to respond to parent emails during this time.

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- The district office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from Tuesday, March 17, through Thursday, March 26, and closed on Friday, March 27, for a district holiday.
- Decisions about the weeks following spring break have not yet been made. We will continue to monitor conditions to determine if it would be appropriate to extend student dismissal beyond spring break. School and district events scheduled for April, including Open House, will also be reconsidered at that time. However, given the latest recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in all likelihood, social distancing will continue and these events will be canceled.

We are committed to keeping our stakeholders informed as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and will send further school district updates through School Messenger. Please check your email regularly throughout this period for developments.

We understand this is a very challenging and stressful time for everyone. It is important to remember that the health and well-being of our local community are dependent upon the decisions and actions of each and every individual. In accordance with state and federal recommendations, children and families are highly encouraged to limit social contact outside the home and practice social distancing to the maximum extent possible.

Thank you for your partnership and support as we work together throughout this state of emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Silavs".

Anne Silavs
Superintendent