



## Bakersfield City School District

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Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear Bakersfield City School District Parents/Guardians and Staff,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Although the risk of COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus, is low in Kern County, with thoughtful consideration, we have decided to close all BCSD schools effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, with plans to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

All BCSD schools will be closed for all purposes, with the exception of the distribution of long-distance learning packets and nutrition for our students. BCSD Wellness Centers are also closed. If your child is in need of medical services, please contact your primary care doctor, nearest urgent care or emergency department. The BCSD Education Center on 1300 Baker will continue to work to help our students and staff through this challenging time, however, it will not be open to the public.

Long-distance learning packets will be distributed to students on Monday, March 23 through Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Parents/guardians are asked to pick up their student's learning packets during a scheduled time to prevent any large gatherings and follow social distance protocols. Please see the attached schedule. Parents/guardians who have access to [www.bcsd.com](http://www.bcsd.com) can locate learning packets under the quick links section of the BCSD website as well.

BCSD will continue to release information on social media during the closure. BCSD Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will release daily schedules with recommended activities and learning opportunities to keep students engaged during the closure. As per the Governor's Executive Order and guidance, students should not gather at parks, gaming centers or participate in any other social gatherings during this time. These daily schedule suggestions will help keep your student busy while at home. The schedules will balance academic growth and play to continue student development and health.

Please follow BCSD social media if you have not yet:

**Facebook:** Bakersfield City School District

**Facebook en Español:** Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Bakersfield

**Instagram:** Team\_BCSD

**Instagram en Español:** BCSD\_Espanol

**Twitter:** Team\_BCSD

BCSD will also provide meals to all interested students 18 years and younger during the closure. *Under the Federal School Nutrition Guidelines, students must be present to pick up meals and be accompanied by an adult. Adults may not pick up additional meals for students that are not present.* To begin the nutrition program, students will be sent home with a sack

breakfast on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Students will be provided with a sack lunch for the day and a sack breakfast for the following day. Students are asked to pick up their meals during a scheduled time to prevent any large gatherings and follow social distance protocols. Please see the attached schedule.

Please begin to make any additional accommodations you may need knowing your student will be home.

BCSD hopes to be a source of comfort and support for our families and staff during this time. Our staff has worked tirelessly to enact school closures while continuing to meet the needs of our students, families and staff. We thank you for your understanding as we navigate this difficult and unprecedented situation. Please look for a follow-up communication from BCSD on social media. We would also like to thank our staff for their tremendous support and work during this time.

If you have questions, please contact the Educational Services Department at 631-4744.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doc Ervin', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Doc Ervin, Superintendent  
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## Long-Distance Learning Packet Distribution Schedule

### Elementary Schools

	Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24
8:00 - 9:30	TK / K	Fourth
9:30 - 11:00	First	Fifth
11:00 - 12:30	Second	Sixth or Open to All
1:30 - 3:00	Third	Open to All

### Middle Schools

	Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24
8:00 - 9:30	Sixth A - L	Eighth A - L
9:30 - 11:00	Sixth M - Z	Eighth A- L
11:00 - 12:30	Seventh A - L	Open to All
1:30 - 3:00	Seventh M -Z	Open to All

### Junior High Schools

	Monday 3/23	Tuesday 3/24
8:00 - 9:30	Seventh A - G	Eighth A - G
9:30 - 11:00	Seventh H - L	Eighth H - L
11:00 - 12:30	Seventh M - Q	Eighth M - Q
1:30 - 3:00	Seventh R - Z	Eighth R - Z

### Nutrition Distribution Schedule

Please report to your student's school site for nutrition between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day of the regular school year. Meals will not be provided during spring break, Monday, April 6 through Monday, April 13, 2020.

#### **The following schools have alternate pick-up locations:**

Chipman - (Pick-up at Eissler)

Chavez - (Pick-up at Fletcher)

Downtown - (Pick-up at Franklin)

Compton - (Pick-up at Harding)

McKinley (Pick-up at Emerson)

Munsey (Pick-up at Curran)

Noble (Pick-up at Washington)

Sierra - (Pick-up at Garza)

Rafer Community Day/SEAL Center - (Pick-up at Emerson)

***Students with Special Diet Meal Accommodations already on file with the district must contact Nutrition Services at 661-631-4733 by 2:00 p.m. one day in advance to order their meals.***