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DISTRICT SCHOOL DISMISSAL

March 13, 2020

Dear Whittier City School District Families,

I want to reassure you that at this time, there are no known cases of COVID-19 among any District students and staff. However, out of an abundance of caution, the Los Angeles County Office of Education has recommended a dismissal of all schools in Los Angeles County due to the Novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19. **Effective Monday, March 16th through Friday, April 3rd, the Whittier City School District Board of Education is in unanimous support of this recommendation and thus, our schools will be closed for all students and children should stay home.** A part of this dismissal includes the scheduled spring break the week of March 23rd through March 27th.

While students are home, next week staff will work as needed to provide essential operations and continuity of instruction. The Food Services Department will be serving a “grab and go” lunch between 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the following satellite schools:

- Dexter Middle School: 11532 E. Floral Drive, Whittier, 90601
- Edwards Middle School: 6812 S. Norwalk Blvd., Whittier, 90606
- Andrews K - 8 School: 1010 S. Caraway Drive, Whittier, 90601

Teachers are sending students home with resources for continued learning. Elementary grade students will receive their Continuity of Education Plan electronically via the Parent Square app as well as through email. If you need to pick up a packet for your child, you may do so on Monday, March 16th, from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the front of the school. Please take your child’s grade level packet and have your child complete the items designated by your child’s teacher for the one week period of time.

For our middle school students at Dexter, Edwards, and Andrews, work will be sent via Google Classroom or email. If a student has a loaner iPad or has limited internet access at home, you can come pick up the packet on Monday at the front of the school from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Our students are dismissed to reduce contact among individuals and stop the spread of the COVID-19. You can help by continuing to practice the following preventative measures as indicated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including:

- *Good Hygiene:* Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you notice symptoms of illness. Keep unwashed hands out of eyes, mouth and nose. Students with fevers should not return to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

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- **Limit contact:** The CDC urges people to avoid close contact with people who are sick and to avoid touching our eyes, nose and mouth.
- **Clean spaces:** Clean and disinfect surfaces and frequently touched objects.
- **Stay updated:** The CDC is constantly updating its website including accurate information on confirmed cases in the U.S. You can visit the CDC website by clicking [here](#).
- **Masks:** The CDC has indicated people who are well should not rely on facemasks to protect themselves from any respiratory disease, although they are advised for health care workers.

Because COVID-19 can be spread from person-to-person, it is not recommended for large groups of people to gather. During this time, both children and adults should stay away from other people and groups as much as possible. They should not gather in other locations such as shopping malls, movie theaters, or community centers.

We know that it may be hard to get a doctor's appointment, go to a clinic, or even be seen in a hospital emergency room. Here are some tips for helping those who are sick with the flu:

- Have them drink a lot of liquid (juice, water).
- Keep the sick person as comfortable as possible. Rest is important.
- For fever, sore throat, and muscle aches, use ibuprofen (Motrin) or acetaminophen (tylenol). **Do not use aspirin with children or teenagers;** it can cause Reye's syndrome, a life-threatening illness.
- Keep tissues and a trash bag within reach of the sick person.
- Be sure everyone in your home washes their hands frequently.
- Keep the people who are sick with the flu away from the people who are not sick.

For more information, call your healthcare provider or visit the Department of Public Health's website at [the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#).

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We understand that this school closure impacts our families and their employers. Information regarding labor laws, disability insurance, paid family leave, and unemployment insurance can be found at the resource links provided below.

- California Labor and Workforce Development Guidance:
 1. [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Resources for Employers and Workers](#)
 2. The California Employment Development Department's [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) web page](#)
- [California Labor Commissioner's Office FAQs](#)

We hope you find this information to be of value and assistance to you during this unprecedented time. Thank you for your support, understanding and cooperation as we take the appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We will keep you informed as new information becomes available. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on April 6, 2020.

Sincerely,



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ESCUELAS DEL DISTRITO CERRADAS

13 de marzo 2020

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Estimadas Familias del Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Whittier,

Quiero asegurarles que, en este momento, no hay casos conocidos de COVID-19 entre los estudiantes y el personal del Distrito. Sin embargo, La Oficina de Educación del Condado de Los Ángeles recomendó la suspensión de clases en todas las escuelas del Condado de Los Ángeles ordenó el cierre de todas las escuelas en el Condado de Los Ángeles debido al Nuevo Coronavirus conocido como COVID-19. A partir del lunes 16 de marzo hasta el 3 de abril el Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Whittier estará cerrado para todos los estudiantes y los niños deben quedarse en casa. Una parte de este despidio incluye las vacaciones de primavera programadas para la semana del 23 de marzo al 27 de marzo.

Mientras los estudiantes estén en casa, la próxima semana el personal trabajará según lo necesario para proporcionar operaciones esenciales y continuidad de la instrucción. El Departamento de Servicios de Alimentos servirá almuerzos “para llevar” entre las 11 a.m. y 1:00 p.m. en las siguientes escuelas satélite:

- Escuela Secundaria Dexter: 11532 E. Floral Drive, Whittier, 90601
- Escuela Secundaria Edwards: 6812 S. Norwalk Blvd., Whittier, 90606
- Escuela K-8 Andrews: 1010 S. Caraway Drive, Whittier, 90601

Los maestros están enviando a los estudiantes a casa con recursos para continuar aprendiendo. Los estudiantes de primaria recibirán su Plan de Continuidad de Educación electrónicamente a través de la aplicación Parent Square, así como también por correo electrónico. Si necesita recoger un paquete para su hijo, puede hacerlo el lunes 16 de marzo de 10 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Al frente de la escuela. Tome el paquete de nivel de grado de su hijo y pídale que complete los elementos designados por el maestro de su hijo durante el período de una semana.

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Para nuestros estudiantes de secundaria en Dexter, Edwards y Andrews, el trabajo se enviará a través de Google Classroom o por correo electrónico. Si un estudiante tiene un iPad prestado o tiene acceso limitado a Internet en casa, puede recoger el paquete el lunes en el frente de la escuela de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.

Nuestras escuelas estarán cerradas para reducir el contacto entre individuos y detener la propagación del COVID-19. Usted puede ayudar si continúa practicando las siguientes medidas preventivas según lo indicado por el Centro de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés), que incluyen:

- *Buena Higiene:* Lávese bien las manos con agua y jabón durante al menos 20 segundos, cubra su tos y estornudos, y quédese en casa si nota síntomas de enfermedad. Si no se ha lavado las manos, manténgalas lejos de los ojos, boca y nariz. Los estudiantes con fiebre no deben regresar a la escuela hasta que no tengan fiebre por 24 horas sin medicamentos para reducir la fiebre.

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- **Espacios limpios:** Limpie y desinfecte superficies y objetos que se tocan con frecuencia.
- **Manténgase actualizado:** CDC actualiza constantemente su sitio web, incluyendo información precisa sobre casos confirmados en los Estados Unidos. Puede visitar el sitio web de CDC haciendo click aquí [here](#).
- **Mascarillas:** CDC ha indicado que las personas que están bien no deben confiarse de las mascarillas faciales para protegerse de cualquier enfermedad respiratoria, aunque sí se les recomienda a los trabajadores de salud.

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Debido a que el COVID-19 se puede transmitir de persona a persona, no es recomendable que grandes grupos de personas se reúnan. Durante este tiempo, tanto niños como adultos deben mantenerse lo más lejos posible de otras personas y grupos. No debe reunirse en lugares como centros comerciales, cines, teatros, o centros comunitarios.

Sabemos que puede ser difícil obtener una cita con el médico, ir a una clínica, o incluso ser atendido en la sala de emergencias de un hospital. Aquí hay algunos consejos para ayudar a quienes están enfermos de gripe:

- Haga que beban mucho líquido (jugo, agua).
- Mantenga a la persona enferma lo más cómoda posible. El descanso es importante.
- Para la fiebre, dolor de garganta, y dolor de cuerpo, use ibuprofeno (Motrin) or acetaminofeno (tylenol). **No use aspirina con niños** o adolescentes; puede causar el síndrome de Reye, una enfermedad potencialmente mortal.
- Mantenga los pañuelos desechables y una bolsa de basura al alcance de la persona enferma.
- Asegúrese de que todos en su hogar se laven las manos con frecuencia.
- Mantenga a las personas enfermas con gripe alejadas de quienes no están enfermos.

Para obtener más información, llame a su proveedor de atención médica o visite el sitio web del Departamento de Salud Pública [the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#).

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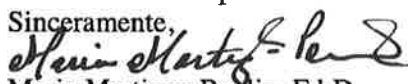
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Entendemos que el cierre de las escuelas afecta a nuestras familias y a sus empleadores. Puede encontrar información sobre leyes laborales, seguro por discapacidad, licencia familiar pagada y seguro de desempleo en los enlaces de recursos que se proporcionan a continuación.

- Guía de Desarrollo Laboral de California:
 1. [Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) Resources for Employers and Workers](#)
 2. Departamento del Desarrollo de Empleo de California
[Coronavirus 2019 \(COVID-19\) web page](#)
- [California Labor Commissioner's Office FAQs](#)

Esperamos que encuentre esta información valiosa y de asistencia para usted durante este tiempo sin precedentes. Gracias por su apoyo, comprensión y cooperación mientras tomamos las medidas apropiadas para garantizar la salud y seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y personal. Le mantendremos informado a medida que haya nueva información disponible. Esperamos darle nuevamente la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes cuando regresen a la escuela después de las vacaciones de primavera el 30 de marzo de 2020.

Sinceramente,

Maria Martinez-Poulin, Ed.D.
Superintendente