

March 13, 2020



Dear Escalon Unified families and community,

As we stated in our earlier communication, the best word to describe our day to day operations is uncertainty. The public health crisis we are facing is unprecedented and evolving rapidly. In recent days and weeks, we have kept our schools open as long as possible, as recommended by state and local public health experts, and taken extraordinary measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families.

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 all public schools in San Joaquin County are taking action to close for a period of three weeks. This action was determined in consultation between San Joaquin County Public Health, San Joaquin County Office of Education Superintendent and all 14 District Superintendents within San Joaquin County, as a proactive measure to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This decision is not made lightly; we also know that in addition to education, schools provide vital support to our communities, and these closures could have a major impact on our employees and families.

We understand that there will be many unanswered questions today. We thank you for your patience during this time of uncertainty. We are committed to working with all of our students, families, employees, and community members during this transition to an extended closure.

Here's what to expect in the coming days:

- We will notify employees before Monday whether they need to report to work, and if so, what their specific roles will be.
- Teachers are asked not to give any new student assignments at this time.
- School administration and site secretaries will be on campus Monday to allow for the pickup of needed student medications.
- There will be no outside use of our schools beginning immediately. This includes athletics, performing arts, and other uses.
- We will provide regular updates to everyone via email, text message, our District website (www.escalonusd.org) and social media.

Thank you again for your patience during this challenging time. Attached is a letter from the San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools, James Mousalimas, regarding the school closure.

Ron Costa
EUSD Superintendent