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Subject: Extended School Closure

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today, following Governor Gavin Newsom's and LA County officials' announcement Thursday of a new public health order for people to stay home to increase social distancing, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo announced she has extended her recommendation to close all schools in Los Angeles County with students returning on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 to limit the community spread of COVID-19.

We understand how challenging these decisions are for our families and we appreciate your support and patience. We are very grateful for all that our students, staff and parents are doing to support safety, continuity of education and feeding our children.

The following information is intended to provide you with more details and support during our extended closure.

School Closure Timeline

Castaic Union School District will close all schools until May 5, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 emergency. We will continue to provide updates via email, auto dialer and text message as this situation evolves.

Food Service Distribution

The Public Health guidelines provide for the continuation of our food service program. Castaic Union School District will continue to provide food for any of our students at the following dates/locations.

Dates Beginning March 23rd Monday-Friday

Times 12:00-1:00

Locations Live Oak & Northlake

Prevention

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. DPH recommends everyday personal prevention actions:

- If you are sick or mildly sick for any reason, stay home! Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen.
- Symptoms to watch for include a fever over 100 degrees; respiratory illness such as cough or difficulty breathing.
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay 6 feet or more away from strangers and those who are ill
- Stop shaking hands with others to reduce the spread of germs
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your sleeve; safely throw away used tissues

As parents and caregivers, you influence your child's reaction to information about COVID-19 and school closure. Ongoing developments regarding COVID-19 may be overwhelming, especially to younger children. Parents and caregivers can help children understand the situation better by discussing children's questions and concerns. You can watch a video about how to talk to your child about COVID-19 [here](#).

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Department of Public Health's [website](#). For general information about COVID-19, LA County residents can also call 2-1-1.

This has been a really hard week. Our world has changed in ways I didn't believe possible just a week ago. For most, with change comes worry. I too am experiencing this human response to uncertainty. I worry about my extended family and I worry about my CUSD family. I know families are struggling with the ripple effects of the necessary stay at home order. Many are worried about physical and emotional wellness for themselves and their loved ones, childcare for those whose jobs are deemed essential, job security, housing security, and so much more that I can't claim to understand. Please take care of one another and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Steve Doyle

Superintendent

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