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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The current crisis continues to prompt extraordinary challenges as well as unique opportunities for our District. Almost every day brings a new set of rules and guidelines which requires PUSD to reassess and adapt our level of support to our students and families. As we are acclimating ourselves to the real possibility that normal operations may not resume anytime soon, I want to assure you that we are taking all necessary steps in order to provide distance learning to all students.

With the new reality of school closures, students will have access to distance learning opportunities. Our goal is to help students maintain their learning, stay connected and continue to thrive academically and emotionally. Our 1:1 Chromebook Program is critical as we continue to provide learning experiences online. Using a combination of personalized learning programs and teacher interaction, we will establish continuity to meaningfully engage students.

The state has suspended or extended time for CAASPP, SAT, ACT, PSAT and ELPAC while schools are closed. In regard to Advanced Placement (AP) testing, the College Board has stated that AP testing will continue this year, however, it will look a little different. Please visit their website at <https://www.collegeboard.org/> for testing details and digital resources.

The challenges that we all face are especially difficult for our students who will be promoting or graduating at the end of this school year. We want to assure our families that we are taking an incremental approach to the closures and not making any long-term decisions. Although some activities such as end of year field trips, dances, award assemblies, promotions and graduations may have to be postponed or cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, we are committed to doing everything in our power to give students the celebration they deserve as they conclude their school year.

Currently the PUSD website has online resources listed by grade span that include many of the programs we use regularly in classrooms. Teachers are currently planning curriculum and preparing to conduct online lessons in order for us to launch grade level specific education beginning April 6, 2020 for all of our students.

We value the trust that you have in our PUSD team and we are committed to providing all students and families every opportunity to continue their educational journey as we maximize our 21st century learning tools and environment. Our Board of Education members and I are here for you, and we will get through this tough situation together!

Sincerely,

Superintendent Richard Martinez