



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EACH CHILD IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF GREAT WORTH

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may know, all public schools will close beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. In the South County, the Chula Vista Elementary School District, National School District, San Ysidro School District, South Bay Union School District, and Sweetwater Union High School District will each close schools for a three-week period through Friday, April 3, 2020. At this time, classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, April 6, 2020.

The decision to close school districts in San Diego County was made in consultation with County Public Health and the San Diego County Office of Education. This decision was made with the best interests of students and staff in mind. Instead of doing reactive school-by-school closures, we're going to focus the next three weeks on how we can provide essential support for our community in this new reality. It is likely we will see more cases of COVID-19 in the coming weeks and this will require a measured, sustained response.

Students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep safe their adult or medically fragile family members. Our Districts are exploring with our respective cities and the County of San Diego, what we all can do to support students and families while schools are closed during the week before Spring Break as well as the break.

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together. Staff will work part of this time, including some from home, and using the time to prepare and train on how to educate and support community health during this epidemic.

We are considering what, if any, childcare options we can extend to families over the next few weeks during this unplanned closure. We will share detailed information about how families can support student learning during school closures, especially if they are for extended periods.

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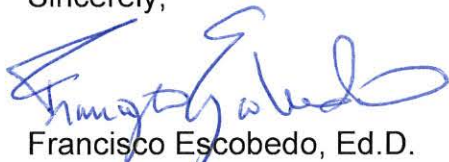
Regarding food service next week, March 16-20, all CVESD school sites will provide breakfast and lunch to any child between the ages of birth up to 18. Breakfast will be served from 8-8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is a requirement that any child who you wish to feed be present when the food is served. For Sunnyside Elementary School only, breakfast and lunch will also be served March 23-27, which is part of their scheduled school calendar.

We will remain in close contact with the San Diego County Office of Education and local public health officials throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate.

We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from San Diego County Public Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

We will share more details as soon as possible about what we can make available. For now, take comfort in that we will all do our part to limit spread and transmission of COVID-19 in our respective communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francisco Escobedo", written over a faint, illegible background.

Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D.
Superintendent