



Corcoran Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

First, thank you for your patience and flexibility in an unprecedented set of circumstances. Plans and modifications are fluid as we receive updates from the State, and we find challenges and needs in the process.

I wanted to update you on our planning thus far:

Dates of Closure of Student Attendance:

- Closure of student in-class attendance runs from Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 13. (Spring Break runs from April 6-13).
- The closure includes all schools, programs, activities, athletics, and clubs before, during, and after school. (The only exception includes students and staff taking care of farm animals with supervisor restrictions)

Meals: We plan to be serving sack lunches out of the TLC from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM daily beginning this Tuesday. Stay tuned for updates with the possibility of additional meals served and/or at other school sites.

Student learning: The District is finalizing plans on continuing education for each of your students through a version of distance learning and/or independent study using the resources and tools we already have. Teachers and principals will be in contact with you and/or your students in the next few days for instructions and further details. Meanwhile, we ask you to encourage your students to keep up with previously assigned schoolwork and provide opportunities for their daily reading and writing.

Covid-19 Virus: We do not have any confirmation of any student or employee who has been infected. The Governor has advised citizens 65 years or older to be isolated, especially for those people who are currently compromised with health issues. We will take into consideration the needs of our staff as well.

Facility Sanitation and Health Practices: We will be doing a thorough cleaning of classrooms, offices, and any contact surfaces. We also emphasize the same health practices as elicited from the Health Department, such as washing hands and staying in-doors if any of the described symptoms persist.

There will be ongoing communication with all stakeholders, which include updated plans and the next steps. Obviously, we will be highly dependent on our various means of communication in order to work with staff and families while serving over 3,000 students without their presence on campus.

Our plans and next steps are fluid as this is new territory, and we include in our learning ideas and expertise with other district partners in the process.

This is the first of what will probably be many updates. *We ask you to continue to look for updates on our website, social media sites, phone messages, and emails.*

Sincerely,

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