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Dear Queen Creek Families,

With the international emergency that we are currently navigating, I wanted to take a few moments to share my thoughts regarding this dilemma and update you on the QCUSD response to this situation.

I believe our current situation is unprecedented and, with that, there are many unanswered questions and emotions. Some say we are in uncharted waters but I want you to know that my first priority is the physical and emotional well-being of our amazing students and staff, and the manner in which we support our community stakeholders as a community partner. Through faith, community support, and sound leadership, I have no doubt we will all adapt and make it through this together. As the QCUSD superintendent and parent of QCUSD students, my heart goes out to our students, families, and staff that are impacted by these events. I have tremendous appreciation for how hard the QCUSD staff is working to find the answers to many complicated questions related to this unfortunate situation. I recognize that many decisions may be scrutinized and I would encourage everyone to maintain patience, understanding, and an attitude of support as we work through this situation.

As you know, the turn of events over the past week has been tremendous. As always, we will continue to work with the Governor's Office and the Department of Education and other agencies to understand and fulfill the spirit of directives and advisories that are coming at a rapid pace. Again, we recognize a wide variety of emotions, opinions, and attitudes associated with COVID-19 and I wanted you to know that we are working hard to address health-related directives while minimizing the impact of closure for QCUSD students.

Reminder, we will be sending frequent updates with information via email, text messages, the website and social media channels. Feel free to call the district office at 480-987-5935 to ensure your contact information is correct and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Finally, be well, stay safe, and thank you again for continuing to support the Queen Creek Unified School District.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent