

**ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE TO FAMILIES**

March 16, 2020

Information pertaining to COVID-19 is fluid. Frequent updates will be posted to our District website which can be found at www.etiwanda.org and on our social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter). We encourage you to check these platforms regularly.

In an effort to provide the most current information on the status of the Etiwanda School District school closure, I will be providing regular updates to our families and employees.

Our District has been in contact with the County Department of Public Health (DPH) regarding the first case of COVID-19 in our county. We are aware that the case is in our local area. Given the close knit nature of this community, it is possible that speculation about this case will cause heightened concern. I have been in direct contact with Dr. Erin Gustafson, Acting County Health Officer, who is knowledgeable regarding this first case. While specific details cannot be shared due to privacy requirements, she has assured our District that no additional preventive measures are required for District students or staff beyond standard precautions (hand washing, staying home when sick, and maintaining six feet of distance between people).

Today information was shared with teachers on the development of distance learning plans for students and families. Our district is providing general education and special education teachers with training and resources in support of the transition to distance learning. Your child's teacher will be posting their first distance learning plan no later than Wednesday, March 18. While it's important to sustain student learning and growth during a school closure, participation in distance learning lessons is optional for students.

We continue to develop options regarding Chromebook checkout for students and hope to have updates for you tomorrow.

As a service to our community we are offering free "grab and go" breakfast and lunch for children ages 18 and under. Children will be given "today's lunch" and "tomorrow's breakfast" each day.

Meals are available for pick up curbside from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. during the weeks of March 17 - 20 and March 30 - April 3 at the following locations:

- Etiwanda Intermediate School - 6925 Etiwanda Avenue, 91739
- Heritage Intermediate School - 13766 S. Heritage Circle, 92336
- John Golden Elementary School - 12400 Banyan Street, 91739

Parents and guardians may find the following link from the National Association of School Psychologists helpful to address [Talking to Children about COVID-19](#).

We are grateful to our parents and families for their understanding as we respond to concerns and adjust our learning systems and other supports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter being a large, stylized 'J'.

Shawn Judson, Ed.D.
Superintendent