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COVID-19 Update: School Closures

March 13, 2020

Dear Etiwanda School District Families:

As you know, the health and safety of our students, staff and our surrounding community is a priority. The evolving 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has caused educational institutions and organizations of virtually all industries to make difficult decisions to protect the safety of those they serve.

While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at any of the schools in the Etiwanda School District or anywhere in San Bernardino County, the situation is very fluid and may change at any minute.

We have decided to act with caution and remain ahead of a potential outbreak that could result in further spread of the coronavirus. As such, the Etiwanda School District will suspend in-class instruction, all school activities and child care, effective March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. A decision about resuming our regular or a modified school schedule will be announced based on circumstances as they develop. All schools within the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, along with other West End San Bernardino County districts, will be closed during this time period as well.

I apologize that many parents/guardians will have learned about this closure from their children. School staff had to be notified regarding sending textbooks and passwords home with students, and time was of the essence in getting those crucial details to staff.

Distance learning education will be provided for students during the period of school closure. Distance learning education is optional, but available for all students in order to sustain learning and growing during a school closure. Teachers will be providing independent lessons in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Parents will receive communication from their child's teacher regarding the options for distance learning education beginning next week. There will not be any distance learning education during Spring Break (March 23-27).

Chromebooks will be available for check-out from schools on March 16-18 for families that would like their child to have a device at home. Chromebooks require internet access in order to operate and are not required for participation in distance learning education. Additional details regarding Chromebook check-out will be sent home by schools early next week.

We understand the closing of any school has real consequences beyond the loss of instructional time. I thank you for your patience and trust as we work together to proactively maintain a healthy and protective environment during these difficult times.

We will continue to remain in constant contact with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and local health officials about the most current developments and will keep you informed. We encourage you to regularly check our website and social media for updates, as well as other reliable sources such as the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and the [California Department of Public Health](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

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