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Dear San Dieguito Union High School District Community,

I wanted to follow up with our school community following a press conference held today by California Governor Gavin Newsom, in which he shared an update on the COVID-19 public health crisis in our state. He discussed the importance of upholding our civic duty to ensure social distancing and remaining at home as much as possible in order to help our state flatten the curve of positive cases that are expected to rise substantially in the coming weeks. Although he reiterated that he felt California schools should remain physically closed, he did not issue an executive order doing so. He emphasized that school districts should remain open for instruction via distance learning through the end of the school year. We are in the third week of distance learning and remain committed to its further development and implementation. We are confident that we have the ability to stay connected and focused on each other, our collective well-being, and the education of our students in the weeks ahead in order to bring the school year to a positive close in June. Should conditions change and should the San Diego Public Health Officer deem it safe to reopen school campuses prior to the end of the school year, we will be prepared to do so.

A special word to our high school seniors. I have immense sympathy for the unique position you are in. I understand the uncertainty and disruption is especially difficult for you, as this is clearly not how you planned to spend your final months of high school. We all have many questions about how things like grades and graduation requirements will be handled. For all students, I want you to know, from the bottom of my heart, if there is a possibility to safely reopen, even just for a week, we will do so. If there is a possibility to safely hold promotion and graduation ceremonies, we will do so!

I am so proud of all of our hardworking teachers and staff who are supporting students as we have navigated a path forward with distance learning. In addition, I know I speak for all of our district team in extending heartfelt thanks to all of our amazing parents and caregivers for the home support that makes distance learning possible.

We are all in this together, and we will all get through this together!

Robert Haley
Superintendent
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