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Dear San Dieguito Union High School District Community,

I am writing with the hope that you and your loved ones are safe during this unprecedented time. Each day brings a new challenge and new information, however, I want to assure you, that our SDUHSD staff is working around the clock to ensure our students have what they need to continue learning, feel supported, and remain connected to their school community.

Governor Newsom issued a new Executive Order, N-33-20, on March 19, 2020. That Executive Order, and guidance from the California Department of Education, reiterated that school districts serve an essential function. We previously extended our school closure through no earlier than April 10, 2020, and, although there have been other reports and speculation, our current return date is April 13. We will continue to follow any new orders from either San Diego County or the State of California and quickly alert you to any changes.

Starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, we will be moving to a virtual school environment. Significant planning has gone into this, however, we are ready to make adjustments as needed.

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The San Dieguito Union High School District is committed to providing students with the necessary instructional resources to aid in their transition to distance learning while schools are closed. Should your child need a device, please contact your school site administrative teams at your earliest convenience. SDUHSD will begin distributing technology to students who are in need. Students will be able to pick up a Chromebook from SDUHSD Staff at either Earl Warren Middle School or San Dieguito High School Academy next week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 11:30-1:00 p.m. SDUHSD staff will ensure social distancing protocol during this pick-up.

To ensure student safety, privacy, and equitable access to materials, the District will be using the Google Suite for all distance learning opportunities. Teachers and students will communicate safely by using only their district Google accounts. Teachers can safely monitor, log, and control access video conferencing while using the Google Suite provided that students

log in to all platforms via their district-provided email address. Students should plan to regularly check their district email address and already established Google Classrooms for communication from teachers. Parents should also plan to monitor messages from school which will be sent to their email address on file in Aeries for communication from teachers.

Student Support Services

Student wellness continues to be at the center of all decisions made around student learning and our student support teams at each school will be available to respond to inquiries about non-emergency social and emotional support and academic questions in a distance learning environment. While we know this will not replicate the services you would ordinarily have at school, our school teams of counselors, student support specialists and school psychologists are ready to support in this ever-changing environment. Each district site will set up methods for you to submit specific questions to the student support team and staff will be connecting with families through email, phone calls, or Google platforms. Other support resources are posted on our district [Coronavirus Information webpage](#).

Special Education and Section 504 Services

Specific to students served through an individualized education or Section 504 plan, district staff and case carriers are working together to ensure equity and accessibility for each student in a distance learning environment. IEP Case Managers will be reaching out directly to their students and parents soon. For specific details, please refer to the letter ([English/Spanish](#)) and contact your case manager with specific questions. IDEA Procedural Safeguards ([English/Spanish](#)) and 504 Procedural Safeguards ([English/Spanish](#)).

Our vision remains the same, all students are entitled to a successful education, we are a team, engaged, inspired, prepared. These are trying and extraordinary times, but we can, and will, come out of this stronger. We have a strong, supportive school community!

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