

Greetings Emery USD Community,

After much deliberation with our neighboring school districts, and out of an abundance of concern for all members of our community, we have decided to take strong preventative action by closing all EUSD schools to students beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, to Friday, April 3, 2020. All school activities/events will be suspended, canceled or postponed effective **Friday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.** Regular classes are expected to resume on Monday, April 6, 2020. In the interim, learning resources for students will be made available during this time. More information will be shared regarding this soon.

We would like to be clear that there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases among Emery students or staff.

We understand that our community depends on schools to not only educate our students but to also provide important and necessary services that some students may not have access to when schools are not in session. We considered this fact carefully and, due to the unprecedented health crisis gripping our area, state, and country, made the decision to suspend in-classroom learning in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Though we expect COVID-19 cases to rise over the next few weeks, we believe this action, coupled with actions by other local government agencies, will work to slow the spread.

The District will continue to provide meals to those students who rely on school breakfast and lunch. We are working on the final details. More information about our school lunch program will be shared soon.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible. Children congregating in large groups and or in close proximity could effectively nullify any community benefit. Though children have not been shown to be at high-risk for serious complications from the disease, infected students with even mild symptoms can spread the virus to the elderly or other vulnerable populations. Public health officials recommend that families make arrangements for childcare during this time and avoid leaving children with elderly people who are more vulnerable to the impact of the virus.

We will share more detailed information as soon as possible about how families can support student learning during this time.

Sincerely,

Quiauna Scott, Superintendent