

April 3, 2020

Greetings EUSD Community,

With the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and well-being of our students, staff, and community remain a top priority. Based on this week's press conference by Governor Newsom, California Department of Education (CDE) and the [statement](#) from Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, L. Karen Monroe, **Emery Unified School District will remain closed for in-person instruction through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.**

In preparation, please note the following:

Distance Learning

While the school facilities are closed, instruction will continue through distance learning.

We understand the hardship this has placed on families who are both working and trying to provide academic support for their children. Many of our teachers and staff are also parents, who can certainly empathize and are making instructional adjustments based upon the feedback received from our students and families.

With [guidance from CDE](#), we continue to work to determine the full impact of this decision, including grading, graduation requirements, exploring alternative plans for celebrating our 2020 graduates, promotions of all other grades and whether summer school may be offered to address additional learning needs.

The work that the staff and administrators have done thus far has been tremendous! I am confident that we will continue to keep students at the center of our decision making and ensure students receive both the academic and socio-emotional support needed during these times of uncertainty.

Please continue to visit the schools' websites for additional information. Our goal is to provide a detailed Distance Learning Plan after Spring Break.

Meals

Our free meal service for all children 18 and under will continue without interruption throughout this entire closure period (including Spring Break). Due to changes in the guidelines, children no longer need to be present to receive food.

Mondays and Thursdays: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Multiple breakfasts and lunches will be provided each visit. Meal pickup will be located at 1100 47th Street, Emeryville, CA.

Family Resources and Support

Here is the link to resources for emotional support along with other resources to assist with other needs such as food and rent assistance:

<http://emeryusd.k12.ca.us/covid-19-parent-resources/family-resource/>

Devices for Students

We are taking formal requests from families regarding the need for devices and started distributing devices this past Monday. If there is a need, please complete the request form by Monday, April 6, 2020.

Once you submit a request and we have verified the need, EUSD will contact you with information to arrange the device pickup. If you have already submitted a request, please do not submit another as duplicate requests delay our processing time.

Device Request Form:

English: <https://forms.gle/U3NujkVbshHDcX589>

Spanish: shorturl.at/owAQT

Spring Break

Spring Break will remain April 13-17, 2020. Meal service will continue. During this time there will be no distance learning. We hope that this will be an opportunity for students and staff to take care of essential personal needs and spend quality time with family. Please continue to check the district and site websites for updates.

California Department of Education Resources

- [State Colleges, K–12 Systems Issue Joint Statement on College Admissions and Placement Agreements](#)
- [FAQs on Grading and Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Guidance on COVID-19 Closures](#)

COVID-19 News

- [Shelter-in-Place has been extended to May 3rd](#), and now includes more stringent restrictions and mandatory closures of public spaces.
- CSBA: [State officials outline path forward for schools; labor-management framework among new tools](#)
- CSBA Blog: [Boards may meet without a physical meeting space for the public, and may receive updates on COVID-19 from officials](#)

We have tremendous gratitude for each of you and thank you for partnering with us to support your children's education during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent