

Dear Parent/Guardian and community member,

MUSD holds the health and welfare of our students and staff as its top priority. With the first known case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported in Kern County this morning, we are taking action and moving our District **to Distance Learning**. MUSD will close all schools effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, with plans to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Teachers will deliver online instruction to students, while other employees provide services by alternate/modified means. All administrative/management staff will continue to report to their respective sites to monitor Distance Learning and site sanitation.

Under the Federal School Nutrition Guidelines, student meals will continue to be provided in a **Grab & Go** package, to all children ages 2 to 18. Students must be present to pick up meals, accompanied by an adult, and not consumed on our school sites.

Please read the attachment regarding student meals for more information and guidelines.

As we transition to Distance Learning here are the expectations by grade level groupings:

Grades TK - 1:

- This group of classes will operate Distance Learning through learning packets. These teachers will provide every student with 2-weeks, 10-days, worth of materials for a temporary closure prior to release on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- Any student/family that previously self-quarantined will have packets delivered to their homes.
- The expectation is that homework/classwork will be turned in by 8:00 am through ClassDojo, email, or upon return.
- School sites may provide alternative options for turning in completed work.

Grades 2 - 12:

- This group of classes will operate Distance Learning through the Google Classroom platform. These teachers will provide every student with 2-weeks, 10-days, worth of materials for a temporary closure in the classroom prior to departure.
- Educators will expect students to check in with a "Good Morning" message on their Google Classroom by 8am.
- The expectation is that homework/classwork will be turned in through Google Classroom.
- Any student that is missing assignments will be marked (A) absent in Aeries.
 - Teachers will make contact with parents of students not interacting or turning in work to class.
 - In addition, our attendance staff will continue to follow district protocols to contact parents regarding absences.

MUSD will continue to monitor and release information through email and our social media pages, Facebook, Twitter, and District Webpage. Please note as to the Governor's Executive order we should self-quarantine and encourage our students and families to stay away from parks, malls, gaming centers, and other locations. The President of the United States also recommended no groups of 10 or more individuals should congregate in any areas.

We are in an unprecedented situation and understand the life changes being made are not easy for any of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your school site administrators and we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding.