



OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez
Superintendent

March 15, 2020

Dear PVUSD Community, Staff, Teachers, and Administration,

We recognize that this is a challenging and unprecedented time with constant changing conditions. The health and safety of our community and families remain at the center of all decision making. On Saturday, March 14, 2020, the PVUSD Board of Trustees held an emergency board meeting to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on our community. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously decided to close all sites to students and non-essential staff for two weeks from March 16-March 27. Spring break will follow the two weeks of closure, as scheduled, from March 30-April 3. At that time, the situation will be reassessed to determine if additional weeks of closure are needed. After the Board Meeting, I received concurrence from Dr. Gail Newell's, Santa Cruz County Health Officer, for the additional week of closure which will support our waiver request.

All certificated staff will work from home during March 16-20, 2020 to develop distance learning resources for this multiple week closure. The materials shall be provided for review to the site principals by the morning of Friday, March 20, 2020. Certificated staff shall be prepared to begin distance learning with their students on Monday, March 23, 2020. We encourage you to find ways to collaborate with each other to curate these materials. The Technology Department and Educational Services created the following website, <https://sites.google.com/pvUSD.net/learnfromhomerresources/home?authuser=0>, as a support to teachers. Virtual/online trainings will be held for teachers with the first training occurring on the afternoon of Monday, March 16. Staff will receive email updates with further details. The sites will be open for staff to pick up needed materials for the following two weeks on Monday, March 16, 2020 from 8:30am-12:00 noon. To adhere to the two-week closure and accounting for Spring Break, sites will not reopen until Monday, April 6, 2020. PVUSD will use an outside vendor to provide a deep cleaning to the sites before reopening on April 6, 2020. During the next few weeks, further closures will be reassessed based on regional/local COVID-19 activity and guidance from County Health and for Disease Control and Prevention.

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To prepare for distance learning, all Chromebooks located at PVUSD sites will be cleaned by an outside vendor prior to releasing them to students in grades 3-12. Over the past several weeks, the District has already secured 750 hot spots from T-Mobile that will be available to students that do not have access to internet at home. These hotspots will be made available to students when they check out their Chromebooks. This distribution will coincide with meal pick up times at designated sites. We will also inform parents of Charter's offer of free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, parents will be able to call 1-844-488-8395. The installation fees will be waived for new student households. Students in PreK-2nd grade will primarily use packets of instructional materials compiled for distribution to students and families at schools at meal pick up times.

All classified staff, except identified essential staff, shall be at home and be available for virtual trainings throughout the two-week closure. Essential staff, subject to

change at any time, has been identified as Food Services personnel to provide the daily breakfast and lunch to our students, key personnel in Reception, Payroll, Finance, Purchasing, Human Resources and limited District Office Custodial to maintain employee and community services, Technology personnel to distribute cleaned Chromebooks and hotspots, non-site based Expanded Cabinet Administrators, and all staff in the Assistant Superintendents and Superintendent's Offices.

As a reminder of the MOUs with CSEA and PVFT, when any certificated/classified bargaining unit member is directed to be absent from their work site by order of any Federal, State or Local agency including the school district, the employees shall receive full pay and benefits for so long as the Federal, State or Local agency requires the quarantine.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available to the community with critical details regarding food services, parent resources at <https://sites.google.com/pvUSD.net/pvUSDparentideas/home>, technology release and instructional materials. I appreciate and value the flexibility of the Board, staff, teachers and administration during this challenging time. We must continue to work together to support each other, our students, our families and our community each day and in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MR', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Rodriguez, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools