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**ALEJANDRO RUVALCABA, Superintendent** 

April 10, 2020

Dear Rosemead Families and Staff,

We recognize how difficult this past month has been for everyone. Everyone misses our traditional school setting where our dedicated professional staff is at school every day to welcome our talented scholars and leaders. We hope that we will be able to return to our normal way of schooling in the Fall.

I have received many questions regarding our summer programs. As of today, we have not received formal guidance from state and/or local officials regarding our ability to return for a traditional summer school, extended school year, or summer camp program. As such, our team is preparing for both a traditional summer program and a Distance Learning program. We will, of course, keep you updated as we get more direction from state and county officials.

We also continue to plan end of year ceremonies and celebrations such as promotion. Our goal is to offer these milestone experiences for our deserving students so that they are formally recognized and celebrated by our families and staff. We will be contacting you soon to seek your input and feedback regarding these events so that we may plan accordingly.

Next week, April 13 to April 17, is our previously scheduled Spring Break. There will be no formal instruction during Spring Break. We hope this time away from studies will serve everyone well. Formal instruction, via Distance Learning, will resume on Monday, April 20.

Lastly, reports from health and government officials reflect that social distancing strategies appear to be working. Now, more than ever, is the time for everyone to continue to do their part to avoid contracting and transmitting COVID-19 by adhering to social distancing recommendations. These recommendations include: staying home as much as possible, avoiding public places, limiting contact with others, wearing face masks in public settings, and ensuring good hygienic strategies including frequent hand washing. Continuing these efforts will help ensure we return to our previous normal way of life sooner rather than later.

Despite the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, our school district community has rallied together through Distance Learning where high quality learning experiences are occurring on a daily basis. We also continue to provide daily healthy breakfast, lunch, and supper for our students. On behalf of our Board of Trustees and District administration, I extend my sincere appreciation to you for your continued hard work and dedication.

Respectfully,

Alex Ruvalcaba

Superintendent of Schools