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School Closure Update March 20, 2020

Dear Rosemead Parents and Guardians,

I want to begin by thanking everyone for your patience and support as we all learn and adapt to Distance Learning. Our teachers and support staff have worked diligently to ensure students would continue to have quality learning opportunities at home during this difficult time. I hope that everyone is beginning to adjust to the new way of learning.

To protect the health of our students and staff members and in response to the new "Safer at Home" mandates, we are now in school closure status. Accordingly, we have decided to extend the temporary school closure period through Monday, May 4, 2020. This decision is supported by the Governor's Office, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education as a means to promote social distancing. We are hopeful that students will be able to return to school on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Please note that this extended period includes our regularly scheduled Spring Break, April 13 – April 17, 2020.

During this extended school closure period, we will continue to provide high quality learning opportunities, support, and stability for all of our students. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher/s for lessons, guidance, and questions. We will also continue to provide meal service to students from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Encinita Elementary, Savannah Elementary, and Muscatel Middle schools.

During this time, it is critical that everyone does their part to avoid contracting and transmitting COVID-19 by adhering to the recommendations issued by federal, state, and local officials. These recommendations include practicing social distancing; avoiding public places, limiting contact with others, and ensuring good hygienic strategies including frequent hand washing.

I will continue to provide regular updates on new developments during this closure period. As always, I want to thank you for your continued support of our schools and district.

Respectfully, *Alejandro Ruvaleaba* Superintendent of Schools