

WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 13, 2020

Dear Wiseburn Staff and Parents,

As we continue to monitor the emerging COVID-19 pandemic, WUSD and Da Vinci Schools are taking proactive measures to support the health, not only of our immediate community, but for that of the Greater Los Angeles area. After careful deliberation and in close contact with local officials, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020, all Wiseburn school sites, including preschool and the CDC and EDP childcare programs, will be closed for normal operations. Wiseburn schools will remain closed from April 6-13, 2020 for Spring Break. If the scenario changes and we are available to bring students back earlier we will contact our families as soon as possible. Additional guidance about reopening will be provided prior to April 10, 2020. We hope to support students through a distance learning model through online, packet-based instruction, and other means of home study. By the end of the day today, the site principals and/or teachers will provide more detailed information as to how our families can obtain any work materials students will need during the dismissal period.

Right now, we know nearly all districts in LA County have closed or are preparing to close. It is important to note that currently, there are no confirmed cases of any individuals with COVID-19 in WUSD. Still, it has been determined by district administration that we will dismiss students in the hope that these extreme efforts at social distancing will support the containment efforts for COVID-19.

We are asking our parents/guardians to monitor email and school and district websites for updates on home study options for students and for any updates related to student dismissal and return to school. We will continue to share information via email and other means as well. During this time, we will operate our lunch program, which will be centralized at Dana Middle School (5504 W. 135th St.). Our Food Services staff will prepare and distribute "grab and go" style lunches for those students who wish to utilize the lunch program from 11:30-1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday with cost based on student's free/reduced/paid status.

We understand that this has a tremendous impact on our families but know that this decision was not taken lightly. While school is dismissed, we hope that you will continue your child's education as guided by our Wiseburn teachers for continuity of learning.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Best,

Blake Silvers, Superintendent

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