

Dear Wiseburn Families & Friends,

The last several days have been strange for all of us in Wiseburn and other school districts across the country. In an unprecedented manner, we have closed our schools, sent our students and staff to work from home, and continue to shut down everything but the essential functions of the school district. Information is constantly changing, and our teaching and support staff have been tirelessly working to ensure that our students have access to learning during our school closure. We understand that our families are all trying to figure out logistics related to childcare, access to technology, and arranging time for students to complete work (to name a few). Below please find updates reflective of ongoing efforts to provide support to families and students in the Wiseburn Unified School District.

Student Home Learning Support

Please know that our teachers will be checking in with their classes regularly and will be available via email and/or by any other means they share with their specific classes. **Some of our teachers have delved into the video conferencing space with the use of Zoom, Google Hangouts, or Canvas Conferencing. I ask that parents only allow students to access live sessions with parents/guardian supervision. If an adult cannot be present during a live conference, students should not participate in the live session, but rather, should find an alternate way to access the material.** We greatly need parent/guardian support to ensure our students are navigating cyberspace in a safe and productive manner. Thank you for your support in this area.

Available Student Supports

Charter Communications, Spectrum's parent company, [announced Friday](#) that beginning March 16, it will make its services available for free for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who don't already have internet through the company. To enroll in the program, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households offering free wireless access to families in need.

Also, Dana Middle School continues to be the emergency hub for the District at this time. It is at Dana that our District will be hosting our school lunch program. We will continue to be open between the hours of 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Monday – Friday to serve lunches to students who are interested and/or in need of this service. Instead of students entering the campus, we will serve food from the kitchen door between the gymnasium and the multipurpose room. Staff will post signs for our students to follow to the appropriate location. Wiseburn is also offering to loan Chromebooks to our students as needed. Chromebooks will be distributed at the Dana Middle School Library from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon tomorrow. After tomorrow, we ask that you reach out to the individual site secretaries and/or administrators via email for information on how to access technology.

School Site and District Closures

Aside from the ongoing lunch program at Dana Middle School and the technology loan check out, starting tomorrow I am directing all our school sites to close and lock their doors for an unknown period of time as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting tomorrow our schools' websites will provide information as who to contact should you have a school matter that needs to be addressed. Our District Office will also be closed to the public beginning tomorrow, March 18, 2020 for normal business. Should you need to contact any of our departments, you can do so by contacting our District Office general line at 310-725-2101 x 0 for the Receptionist, Breana Contreras, who will be able to assist our families and community members in connecting with the appropriate department. She can also be reached at bcontreras@wiseburn.org.

During this time, both District and school site office staff will be working remotely during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). We are asking our families to utilize email as the first option for communication for any of our employees as this will be the most efficient way to gather information. Feel free to request a phone call via email and the appropriate staff member will follow up accordingly. One of our top priorities continues to be the health and welfare of our entire Wiseburn community and, currently, we believe these steps are necessary to protect our staff members and their families.

Moving Forward

We will continue to update our websites and provide updates via email as we gather information regarding COVID-19 and our school closure. As we anticipate any changes, we will let you know as soon as possible. Please be patient with us during this time of transition as we plan for, prepare, and deliver most of our information via electronic means.

Stay tuned for more updates to come soon.

I wish each of our families good health!

Sincerely,

Blake Silvers, Superintendent