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Dear Wiseburn Families and Friends,

With week one of distance/at home learning completed, I want to thank our entire community for the flexibility displayed during this challenging time. I understand that this situation has impacted our families in varied ways and has been a complete change to our lifestyles. I do want to thank and recognize the many people who have reached out to me personally, and to other members of the Wiseburn staff, to share positive thoughts and well wishes. Also, I am thankful to the entire District team of educators and support staff who have used varied ways to provide instruction for our students.

Our top priority right now is to ensure the health and well-being of our students, staff, and the greater Los Angeles community. As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus there have been many updates over the last week that continue to add more layers to this dynamic situation. The most emergent of these updates include the Governor's "Stay At Home" order and the recommendation from public health officials to limit all gatherings.

School Closure Update

On Friday afternoon, the Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE) extended the recommendation for school closures to May 5th, 2020. Therefore, I have informed our staff that we will follow LACOE's recommendation and are going to tentatively set our return date for Tuesday, May 5th. The reality, however, is that the school closure may be extended even further as new information is gathered and processed. While I understand that this further complicates families' schedules and student learning, we make this decision with a commitment to do the very best we can during the dismissal period. Also, I understand that there are many questions that surface regarding teaching and learning, school functions, and how the District will manage such a lengthy closure. At this point, we do not have all the answers, but we will spend a considerable amount of time over the next couple of weeks exploring different options.

Student Meal Service

Students are still be able to pick up a lunch, at no cost, at Dana Middle School (5504 W. 135th St.) between the hours of 11:30-1:15, Monday-Friday. **Please be aware that this service will not be available during our scheduled Spring Break (April 6, 2020 – April 13, 2020).**

WUSD Family Communication

To best communicate with our families and to answer important questions, please take some time to fill out the following survey. The survey will allow our families to ask questions about a myriad of issues related to COVID-19 and the resulting school closure. From the survey results we will create a COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website to address as many questions as possible and will continue to clarify and add more as the situation evolves.

Da Vinci Schools Update

Our partners at DaVinci Schools will be sending out a separate message. We have been working with the DV Schools team collaboratively throughout this entire situation.

Please know that I am sending positive thoughts to all in the Wiseburn community. I have an abundance of hope that we will see our students back in the classrooms as soon as possible.

May you stay healthy and safe!

Blake