

WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wiseburn Families and Friends,

As information continues to emerge regarding school closure, I want to share the latest information. Just a few hours ago, Governor Newsom shared in a press conference that students in California will not physically return to school for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. LACOE Superintendent, Dr. Debra Duardo will recommend all districts in Los Angeles County close for the duration of the school year – until June 11, 2020. Wiseburn USD will follow the direction of our state and county leaders and will adhere to this school closure recommendation unless new circumstances emerge requiring a change.

<u>I want to stress that, despite closing the physical sites, instruction will continue for our students.</u> We will continue to evolve our distance learning program and will solicit feedback from our staff and families. The virtual instruction we launched just a few weeks ago will be critical to ensuring continuity of learning for our students. We have a talented teaching and support staff and their care and concern for the academic and social emotional progress of our students is remarkable. Through targeted planning and preparation and our commitment to continuous improvement, we will support our students' school experience during this challenging time.

This decision is difficult for our entire school community, but it has been made with a great deal of thought and care. Our priority is to do our part to protect the health and well-being of our students, staff, and the greater community. I understand there are many questions left unanswered and many details still to be worked out. Over the next few weeks we will continue to provide the most up to date information as it is made available. Should you have specific questions about teaching and learning for our students, please contact your school's site principal for clarification.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the Wiseburn Unified School District Board of Trustees for their continued guidance and leadership and for exhibiting such care for our community as we navigate this unprecedented time. I also am appreciative to the entire Wiseburn school community for your flexibility and understanding.

I wish you good health.

Sincerely,

Blake Silvers, Ed.D. Superintendent