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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

## **Bi-Weekly Communication (Tuesdays and Thursdays)**

This letter is part of our bi-weekly communication in an effort to keep all of our families informed. Please continue to check your email inbox for messages from TCUSD on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As a reminder, any question or concern can be addressed by emailing our helpline at <u>TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net</u>. Please reach out to us, and we will respond within a 24-hour-period or sooner.

## Grab-N-Go Lunches (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

No TCUSD student goes hungry on our watch! We will continue to serve two lunches per child on each day for Monday and Wednesday and one lunch on Friday. Lunches will be served as Grab & Go lunch for all TCUSD students in the TCHS Student Parking Lot on Temple City Blvd. **Please drive through and remain in your car**. Any students who need to walk to the lunch service will be given special directions for picking up lunch. Please follow these directions when you arrive in the lot so that we avoid a large crowd. If a parent can show the student's school ID card, we will serve the lunch to the adult on behalf of the student in case the student cannot be present. No ID card is necessary if the child is present.

#### Free Offering from Rosetta Stone for Students

Our team would like to share with you a free resource from <u>Rosetta Stone</u>. This language immersion program has been offered by the company as a free resource to parents of students who attend a school that has closed because of COVID-19. The subscription is good for three months. Students can choose to study languages from a list of many options from this reputable program.

#### Promotion, End of Year Activities and TCHS Graduation

While the challenges related to social distancing measures, "Safer-at-Home" orders and the need to stay healthy have greatly affected the way we teach, learn and connect, we understand that the greatest losses are felt by those students who were set to leave one campus for another, be it elementary to middle school, middle school to high school or high school to college. Celebrating our students' accomplishments and sharing our extraordinary Temple City pride we have for all of them during our end of year activities brings us closer together as a community. No one wants to lose this opportunity for celebration and unity; however, with the orders given by both the Governor and Los Angeles County, we have no choice but to plan for different means to celebrate our students and unite us all.

#### 6th and 8th Grade Promotions

With the current social distancing requirements in place, we will not be able to hold the traditional promotion ceremonies for 6th and 8th grade students. Our teams at each site continue to collaborate regarding ways we can celebrate these students now and at a later date. We will not let them move onto the next campus without a special celebration and I assure you, this celebration will be creative, compassionate and heartfelt. More details to follow soon.

#### **TCHS Commencement Ceremony**

One of the most memorable moments in a student's life can be high school graduation. Knowing our students want the chance to cross the stage in cap and gown guided our TCUSD team in deciding that we will do all that we can to make this happen for them. We are planning for a ceremony set for **Friday**, **August 7**, **2020**. Please understand that this ceremony will need to follow social distancing measures in place set by Governor Newsom and Los Angeles County at that time. Limited seating or staggered times by last name could be necessary precautions we must implement. The details of the event will depend greatly on the state of the public health emergency at the time and the mandates we must follow. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to work to keep everyone safe and still celebrate this courageous and awesome Class of 2020.

Sincerely, *Kímberly Frícker* Kimberly Fricker, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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