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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

This message is part of our daily communication we will deliver each afternoon. Please continue to check your email inbox for messages from TCUSD at least once a day. 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.

Additionally, please keep in mind that we are serving Grab & Go lunch for all TCUSD students in the TCHS Student Parking Lot on Temple City Blvd each day at 11am to 1pm, Monday through Friday until March 27th. Please keep in mind that the week of Monday, March 30th through Friday, April 3rd is our already scheduled Spring Break and no meals will be served during this week. We will resume serving Grab & Go lunches on April 6th until the re-opening of our schools.

Today, TCUSD made the decision to **remain closed through May 5, 2020**. This decision relied on guidance and input from the Governor, the California Department of Education and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. It is possible that our re-entry plan will include faculty and staff returning before our students do, but no TCUSD employees will return before April 30th, with the exception of those employees designated as performing essential duties on site. Details of the actual re-entry date for our staff will be announced in future communications. We will ensure that faculty and staff have time to prepare for the return of our students and that we can provide a safe learning environment.

Most importantly, I would like to commend our dedicated staff who continue to make us proud. We have staff members who because of their job duties have been designated as essential for the critical daily operations of the District. For example, a select group of volunteers from Food Services arrive each day to prepare the meals and help serve our students during this closure period. They have done so in the rain and without regret. Our Fiscal Services department relies on a skeletal crew to perform necessary job duties related to payroll and business obligations. Likewise, our Personnel department continues to support our staff with emergency concerns. Our counselors, service providers, support staff and resourceful teachers continue to balance work-from-home challenges in the best way possible to maintain connections with our students. We are a team and we will continue to rise together in the face of adversity.

Please continue to send all questions and concerns through the <u>TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net</u>. We know there are several questions related to grades and expectations, future activities when school reopens, graduation requirements and college admission requirements. As we move forward, we will continue to provide details related to these topics and more. For now, we wish our TCUSD Family good health and perpetual wellness.

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