



# TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Kimberly Fricker

March 12, 2020

Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

As follow up to the Governor's message outlined by the [California Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH), we have made the difficult decision to postpone or cancel all non-essential events that bring groups of students, parents, or members of the community together. This decision supports our movement to promote social distancing and limit large group gatherings. We know many of our students, families and staff have worked very hard to prepare for these events and this news causes great disappointment. Please know that our decision to move forward with postponements and cancellations occurred after much discussion, forethought and consideration. Ultimately, the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain the top priority for all of TCUSD.

As of today, there are still no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 within any of our TCUSD schools; however, we know a number of cases throughout Los Angeles County are being monitored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the situation continues to evolve. We remain in Scenario II (see previous communication for details) and will continue communication regarding any updates to this status.

At this time, we do not have any directives from local health officials for a school dismissal or closure, but in a precautionary effort to slow the transmission of illness, **we are postponing or canceling the following campus use, events or activities effective Friday, March 13 through Sunday, April 19:**

- School assemblies, performances, dances, rallies, fairs, etc. (both during the day and after school)
- School Open Houses (through the month of April)
- All school & District level parent/community advisory committee meetings, PTA meetings, "Coffee with the Principal" meetings, etc.
- TCUSD student field trips and travel
- District-level Professional Development
- All CIF and other athletic activities, including practices and games (postponement will be reviewed March 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Visitors and volunteers to our campus – parents who need to conduct business on campus should contact their school office prior to a visit
- Any and all after school outside groups on our campus (excluding health and service providers)

Lastly, we greatly appreciate the support of our families and community. We truly understand how difficult these uncertain times are for our parents, staff and students. Please know that TCUSD makes every effort to serve our families and communities in the best way we can. In order to provide the best care for our students, we are requesting the following help from our families:

- If called to pick up your child because of illness, please arrive within 30 minutes to the campus.
- Report any travel outside the US to your principal – be aware that a 14-day quarantine will likely be imposed before return to campus and independent study will be available for that period of quarantine.
- We cannot excuse absences for well students who are staying home out of precaution per our Education Code.
- Due to State guidelines, we are not permitted to offer Independent Study or any form of home learning for students staying home out of precaution.
- Students will soon begin bringing home packets of work or directions for online learning in case of a school dismissal or closure in the future – This is only precautionary. Please do not assign the work to your student now.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly Fricker*

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Superintendent of Schools

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