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Andrew Pulver, Ed.D. Superintendent

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Dear Los Alamitos Unified School District Families,

In light of Governor Gavin Newsom's order for all state residents to stay home until further notice, along with consultation from orange county district leaders and public health care agencies, we have decided to extend the closure of our schools through at least April 17, the last day of Spring break. We will reevaluate this decision as events dictate and as we receive further guidance from public health officials. We will continue to communicate with you as things change or develop further.

Meanwhile, <u>Learning Connection</u>, our online instructional platform is up and running, offering our students high-quality enrichment opportunities during the closure period. Teachers are using Google Classroom to provide lessons and resources for students, such as this <u>link</u> to a wide variety of free at-home educational programming from public television and other online sources. Teachers are also offering live video office hours through Google Meet on the following schedule:

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS	
8:30AM – 9:30AM	(6-12) World Language, ROP, Fine Arts, Applied Arts, Physical
	Education, Middle School Electives
9:30AM – 10:30AM	(6-12) English & Social Science
10:30AM – 11:30AM	(6-12) Mathematics & Science
12:30PM – 1:30PM	(PK-5) Classrooms, (6-12) Special Education & LAHS Skills Lab

Logging into office hours is not required but is an opportunity for students to interface with the classroom teacher for assistance and support.

I think it's important for all of us to appreciate that Learning Connection is a work in progress. In the space of a few days, our amazing teachers and staff planned, created and successfully launched something that normally would have taken a year to deploy and train all involved. We've already begun fine-tuning the platform, seeking the best ways to engage our students. Please be aware, however, that no new content will be posted during Spring Break, which is when our hardworking teachers and staff will take a well-earned...break!

I also want to let you know that because of high demand and state guidance, we are continuing our free Grab-'n'-Go meal distribution during the school closure period from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM each school day at Los Alamitos, Weaver and McGaugh elementary schools. Service at Los Alamitos High School is being moved and consolidated to Los Alamitos Elementary location. Additionally, starting Monday, we will now include a breakfast meal (along with lunch) that can be served at home the following morning.

Finally, as we all support each other through these difficult days, I want to leave you with a bright note, a brief glimpse at the joy and humor that launched our online Learning Connection this week.



Learning is Connected! - YouTube

Learning is Connected! Our online learning portal is off to a great start as kids virtually reunited with their teachers, some at home and some in empty classrooms, but all with joy and humor at ... www.youtube.com

Sincerely,

Andrew Pulver, Ed.D. Superintendent