

## **AUSD Students to Resume KJZ 96.1 FM Broadcasts April 6**

*Encinal's KJZ radio station gets green light to resume on-air broadcasts  
Mondays – Fridays from 7 am – 11 am*

Encinal High School students will resume their morning broadcasts on KJZ starting April 6. The students will produce and anchor the show from their homes, under the guidance of teacher Kevin Gorham.

The station, which is located at Encinal High School, temporarily ceased operations after the Board of Education approved suspending in-class instruction on March 13. When AUSD extended the school closure through May 1 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gorham asked Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi for permission to return to the air. Scuderi gave Gorham the green light to resume broadcasting April 6, when the district's spring break concludes and distant learning opportunities begin.

The show airs live Mondays through Fridays, 7 am – 11 am, at 96.1 FM. Community members can also tune in via [www.encinalradio.com](http://www.encinalradio.com).

While in-class instruction remains suspended, Gorham will control the broadcast from the Encinal studios and coordinate live calls with his student broadcasters during the four-hour morning program. "Because of the shelter in place, we know most island residents won't be commuting in their cars during the usual morning drive-time," Gorham says. "But I hope people will listen from home or tune in to the livestream online at <http://www.encinalradio.com>."

Encinal Junior & Senior High School launched the student-run radio station, which is outfitted with professionally equipped studios, in 2017 as a key part of its Career Technical Education broadcast journalism program. The program is led by Kevin Gorham, a former KFRC and K-100 radio personality and veteran AUSD teacher. Thirty-five Encinal High school students operate the station during their morning radio broadcasting classes. Every student is responsible for writing and producing regular segments that air weekly on specific time slots.

“Our students are deeply affected by this pandemic,” Gorham says. “I encourage community members to tune in to hear the experiences and perspectives of young people directly.”

Gorham will be interviewing Superintendent Scuderi this Monday, April 6, at 9:10 am. Following that, he will interview the superintendent every Wednesday at 9:10 am and Rachel Campos, president of the West End Business Association, every Wednesday at 10 am. He will interview Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft every Thursday at 9:10 am.

Gorham also hopes to interview teachers and other AUSD employees about the “new normal” as they transition to providing distant learning opportunities.

Community members can submit ideas for story ideas and resources via this [KJTZ info & ideas form](#) or on the KJTZ website [www.encinalradio.com](http://www.encinalradio.com) For more information, contact Kevin Gorham at [kgorham@alamedaunified.org](mailto:kgorham@alamedaunified.org).