

March 17, 2020

Dear Families:

Yesterday, the Alameda County Department of Public Health - along with the public health departments of five other counties in the Bay Area - ordered a shelter in place for the next three weeks. If you haven't yet received the details about this order, you can find more information [here](#).

This is causing us to re-work our plan for this week again.

Specifically, we need to take two actions that will impact families:

1. Keep our campuses closed for another two days to allow our staff to shelter in place at home and allow us to continue to work on the development of our plan for online learning. **That means that campuses will be closed until further notice.** We are working with principals on schedules that will allow teachers and staff only to access materials they need to provide distance learning during the suspension of in-class instruction.
2. Following that, we are contemplating ways in which we can allow students to access campus to retrieve learning resources, such as textbooks, notebooks, musical instruments, calculators, and other materials. We will do this in the safest and most efficient way possible but need some time to develop a plan that prioritizes safety. We want everyone to have what they need in order to make this temporary shift to digital and virtual schooling as successful as possible, but are being very deliberate and prioritizing community safety as this develops. We respectfully ask for your patience during this effort.
3. Reduce the number of sites at which we are serving meals, in order, again, to reduce the number of staff who have to work rather than shelter in place at home. As such, for the time being, we will be serving meals from 11 am to 1 pm at three sites:
 - Alameda Point Collaborative (677 W. Ranger Street)
 - Wood Middle School (420 Grand Street)
 - Earhart Elementary School (421 Packet Landing Road)

We will be sending more information to the community as we develop next steps. Please check for updates on our [website](#) and through Aeries communication. As you are waiting to hear how remote learning activities will proceed over the coming

weeks, please remember that we have resources on our [AUSD Online Learning Portal](#) that you and your student can explore. The site has both learning opportunities that are non-digital (i.e., you can do them without a computer) and digital (i.e., that require an internet connection to explore).

Our Chief Academic Officer, your school principals, and your teachers will have much more information to share in the near future, but we are giving them time to develop plans, confer with their colleagues, and prepare to distribute the lessons remotely. For this week, we recommend that you focus on the emotional and physical well-being of your children, your other loved ones, and yourselves.

We know that anxiety is high about what this shift will look like for students during the unknown duration of this event, but know that our staff is very committed to developing the best possible alternatives. Things like grading policies, graduation requirements, credits, and instructional effectiveness itself are creating many questions for us all as a community of educators and families. Our best efforts are being made to create options that will be student-centered and supportive of families amidst this unprecedented disruption to the educational experience of our students.

Thank you again for your patience and partnership as we all move through this difficult time together.

Respectfully,

Pasquale Scuderi
Superintendent