

March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

**During its emergency meeting today, the Board of Education voted unanimously to support our recommendation to suspend in-class instruction in AUSD schools from March 16 through April 3.** This window of time may be expanded depending on developments and/or guidance from public health officials.

We are aware that there is some disagreement among health officials as to the efficacy of closing schools to contain this virus at this time. We are deeply aware, as well, that some of our families are going to have a hard time arranging care. However, due to the high levels of anxiety we are witnessing in our community and the sheer amount of uncertainty on what we can expect with this public health situation, we feel the best action is to suspend in-class instruction.

#### Teaching and Learning

We have attached a packet of materials that your child can use to continue learning during this school closure. A limited number of hard copy packets will also be available at **all schools** during the lunch period on Monday and Tuesday (see below for information on meal service).

We will be updating you next week about other learning opportunity plans and resources. We are working to create opportunities that will be available via Google Docs and Google Classroom, as well as on the AUSD website. We will also have materials available for students who receive special education services. Please be patient as our team works to develop, troubleshoot, and distribute these materials.

#### School Meals

On Monday and Tuesday (March 16 and 17) **all schools** will be providing food service for **all youth** under the age of 18. Students do not need to be enrolled in AUSD schools to receive meals, and they do not need to present ID. Breakfast will be served from 9 am to 10 am, and lunch will be served from 12 pm to 1 pm.

From Wednesday, March 18 to Friday, March 27, meals will be available at Ruby Bridges Elementary School, Encinal High School, Wood Middle School, Alameda Point Collaborative, and the Academy of Alameda from 12 pm to 1 pm, Monday through Friday.

I realize you may have many questions and ask that you practice patience as we work to answer them. I can assure you that we are working diligently to make the soundest decisions we can in this rapidly evolving situation.

Finally, as we develop our plans, I hope that all of you can remember to take care of yourselves and your loved ones and be kind to your fellow community members. We can absolutely get through this crisis, but we can only do so by working together.

Respectfully,

Pasquale Scuderi  
Superintendent