



SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



January 03, 2023

Dear SMFCSD Community,

We hope this important message finds you having a safe and healthy start to the new year - 2023! **We look forward to seeing all students tomorrow, Wednesday, January 4, 2023.** As we continue to assess weather conditions, we want to keep all members of our community informed of steps we will be taking to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families. As a district with 22 schools serving 11,000 students from ages 3 to 13, many of whom travel across two cities to attend school, we take safety very seriously. In fact, safety is always our number one priority.

In order to ensure staff and student safety, all schools will be closed on Thursday, January 5, 2023. All schools are expected to reopen on Friday, January 6, 2023.

Local weather reports tell us that severe rain and wind are expected on Wednesday and especially into and throughout Thursday. This means unpredictable driving, outdoor, and school conditions on Thursday. The District can report that flooding has already occurred at the following schools: North Shoreview Montessori, Foster City Elementary, as well as surrounding areas around Fiesta Gardens International School. This probably means no school is immune to flooding conditions.

	Wednesday January 4, 2023	Thursday January 5, 2023	Friday January 6, 2023
7am - 3pm	Open Annex & Preschool All Schools (Minimum Day Schedule may vary end time)	Closed All Schools Annex & Preschool All Programs closed	Open All Schools Annex & Preschool All Programs are expected to open.
3 - 6pm	Open Annex & Preschool, Homework Central, Newton, YMCA, Foster City Parks & Rec, and Boys' & Girls' Club <u>Cancellations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-school sports, clubs, and activities closed. All onsite/in-person meetings will be canceled and 	Closed All Schools Annex & Preschool All Programs closed	Open All Schools Annex & Preschool All Programs are expected to open.

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Curriculum & Academics Expectations on Thursday, January 5, 2023: Due to the closure, students will not be assigned academic work such as homework, distance learning, or other independent study tasks on Thursday.

Food & Nutrition for All Students to Continue: We will do our best to offer non-perishable food items to students before school adjourns on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, for consumption on Thursday, January 5, 2023. We are dealing with significant challenges in terms of time and staffing, so we can not guarantee that specific food items will be sent home. We will do all that we can to send children home with as much food as is practicable.

Following advice from the County of San Mateo's Executive Office, we encourage you to exercise extra caution with regard to the effects of floodwaters, such as sewage issues, unsafe water consumption, electrical problems, damaged foods, and gas leaks. You are encouraged to reach out to the proper local authorities and/or seek immediate attention in the event of medical needs to ensure your and your family's safety.

We realize that inclement weather will continue in unpredictable ways. Rest assured, we will be closely monitoring the weather and its effects across our school campuses as the week progresses and next week as well. We will pivot as necessary to ensure the safety of everyone.

We are aware that this change in our school schedule may significantly impact our families. Please know that we do not make this kind of decision lightly and we are doing this to keep our school community safe.

Sincerely,



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