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Dear Bellevue Union School District Families,

I trust your family is enjoying your Spring Break and staying healthy.

Yesterday's meeting with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) provided current information regarding COVID-19 and provided guidance to our county school districts. In an attempt to flatten the curve and reduce the spread of COVID-19 we will join other districts in our county by implementing a "Temporary Suspension of In-Person Classes." Instead of class-based instruction we will be providing a distant learning program until Friday, 4/3/2020 with the expectation we will return to our schools on Monday, 4/6/2020. We are implementing these measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) through social distancing. Please be advised there are no known cases of COVID-19 among our students or staff. Our developing plans may need to be adjusted according to changing factors.

Beginning March 23, 2020 to reinforce social distancing and the possibility of a Shelter In Place order:

Learning for students

- There will be distance learning opportunities made available to students throughout the district. More information will be available at the end of this week. All student work completion is optional.
- We will be putting together a "21st Century: Now" team to examine how we can best incorporate 21st Century skills including technology. This will allow us to explore the possibility of offering a distance learning component using technology devices to our schools' programs.
- Special Education and Student Services staff will get more direction from our Student Service Director as plans are put into place.

Programs

- All after-school activities, child care, and field trips will also be canceled from March 16 - April 5, 2020.

Food Service Program

- We are working under the guidance of the state, to provide meals to students during this unprecedented crisis. A separate letter will be sent to parents regarding the details.

After School Programs and Preschools

- District after-school program, Cool Schools Programs, and preschools at all schools, will be suspended. Any school-based program for Spring Break are also suspended.

Cleaning of Our Schools:

- Thank you custodians for the daily and systematic cleaning/disinfection of our schools. Our custodians will continue to do a deep cleaning in our schools during spring break.

COVID-19 Information

We understand there are many concerns around COVID-19, and the amount of information available can be overwhelming. For the latest information on COVID-19 from a reliable community source, we recommend you visit the Sonoma County Emergency website: <https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/> Sonoma County also has an information and resource hotline: dial 2-1-1 on your phone, or text your zip code to 898211, which lets you text with a 2-1-1 call taker who can answer questions.

Stay Healthy!

Please stay home. The changes to our schedules are being made in an effort to stop the spread of the virus and keep as many people healthy as possible. We appreciate your cooperation.

Communication

We will continue to do our best to keep you informed. Please be aware facts and plans can change due to the quickly evolving understanding of COVID-19. I encourage you to check your email, our website and district Facebook for the latest information. Do not hesitate to contact your supervisor if you have any questions. I will be informing our parents today of the current situation.

Please continue sound health practices for you and your family.

Best,

David

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