



HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Media Advisory**

**Hillsboro School District Announces May 8 School Cancellation**

*Closure is in response to planned teacher walkouts intended to spur additional K-12 funding*

**April 29, 2019, Hillsboro, OR** – Superintendent Mike Scott announced today that the Hillsboro School District will be canceling school on Wednesday, May 8, in response to planned teacher walkouts intended to spur legislative action on increasing funding for K-12 education. Below is the text of the letter sent to families.

*Dear Hillsboro School District Staff and Families,*

*As I mentioned in my letter to you on Thursday, April 18, the Hillsboro School District has been closely monitoring the planned statewide “Day of Action” on Wednesday, May 8, in which teachers are planning to participate in a statewide walkout in hopes of spurring the Legislature to act on providing stable and adequate funding for K-12 education.*

*After engaging in many conversations with our local teachers’ union, the Hillsboro Education Association (HEA), we believe that a significant number of staff members will be participating in this event. Because we are uncertain about our ability to secure enough substitutes to ensure safe and supervised environments for our students, we will be canceling school on May 8.*

*The effect will be similar to a snow day, in which school and after-school events are canceled but District offices remain open. There are a handful of exceptions to this for activities that cannot be rescheduled:*

- AP/IB testing (please note that transportation to school will not be provided)
- Outdoor School
- NWOC Tennis championships
- External ESD programs, such as Pacific, Cascade, Levi Anderson, and Lifeworks

*Please note that all other activities, league contests, practices, and after-school programs - including childcare programs - will be canceled.*

*Students in grades K-11 will now attend a full day of school on Friday, June 14, rather than a half day, and school staff will return to work for an additional day on Tuesday, June 18. Schools are encouraged to schedule end-of-year activities like Field Day on June 14 to preserve instructional time earlier in the month. An updated [2018-19 calendar](#) is available on our website. (Pulse [aquí](#) para ver en español.)*

*Additional details for staff members will be shared by your principal or supervisor.*

*I sincerely apologize for the disruption this may cause. I remain hopeful that the Legislature will take positive action in support of stable and adequate funding for K-12 education.*

Respectfully,  
Mike Scott  
Superintendent

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