



**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update -- April 2, 2020**

Dear GPA Families,

I hope you are staying healthy and that you and your children have been able to rest during this spring break.

I want to follow up with you after Governor Newsom's most recent press conference. The Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Education, Tony Thurmond, reiterated that they felt California schools should remain physically closed, and schools should be prepared to remain closed through the end of the school year. Therefore, GPA will remain closed for the remainder of the year, unless state and local officials deem it safe to open at a later date. Although our physical campus will be closed, learning will still continue.

As I mentioned before, we provided distance learning enrichment packets for our students before school was closed. These packets have been and will continue to be available on our website. Our GPA teachers put together excellent enrichment packets that kids carried home with them on their last day before school closed. Students should resume their efforts of learning and completing the packets after spring break.

Next week, a GPA staff member will be assigned to your child as a one on one support with distance learning. This staff member will create an ongoing schedule of support with your family to aid in the completion of your child's assignments via distance learning.

As you know, our approach has always been with *students first*, which will never change. At this time of crisis, I also want to assure you that it is with *families first* that we have designed our plans for moving forward with distance learning. While it is disheartening not being able to return in person this year, we are confident that we have the ability to stay connected with a focus on our collective well-being and on ensuring the individual success of each student in order to bring the school year to a positive close. Please know that if conditions change and if our state and local officials deem it safe to reopen school campuses prior to the end of the school year, we will be prepared to do so. We recognize the COVID-19 pandemic poses great challenges and extreme hardship to many families. We are prepared to be flexible with each family's needs as we move forward with distance learning. Our goal is to provide the opportunities for learning without contributing to an already stressful situation for you and our students.

We are grateful to our community for everything you are doing during this unique and difficult time.

***Take good care of yourselves and your families!***

With Students First,

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Superintendent/Director