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Dear PUSD Families,

We know this is a difficult time for all families. Please know that your child's safety and well-being is our utmost priority. Be assured that we are working closely with our state and local agencies to provide PUSD and our broader community with the most timely, accurate and useful information available to us.

As written in my previous email, our schools will be closed for the next three weeks, from Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 3, unless conditions call for an extension. **NOTE: Spring Break will remain at its regularly scheduled time of April 13-17, 2020.** During the emergency closure, the District Office will be operating to ensure continuity of essential District functions but will be closed to the public. We will continue to email updates as well as post the latest information on social media and our District website: powayusd.com.

Here are some clarifying details to share at this point:

- Optional, enrichment resources for students will be made available (which will not be mandatory or graded). Please look for a separate email on Monday.
- Food Services will continue. Free brown bag lunches will be available at all school sites to PUSD students from 11:30am-12:30pm. Free bagged breakfasts will also be available at sites that normally serve breakfast from 7:30am-8:30am: Los Penasquitos ES, Midland ES, Pomerado ES, Valley ES, Meadowbrook MS, Mt. Carmel HS, Poway HS, and Westview HS. These will be distributed in front of the campus in a drive up/walk up manner. Students picking up meals must provide their pin number (for tracking purposes only) and be physically present. Again, any PUSD students can have access to these free meals but they cannot pick up extra for anyone else not present. If there are multiple children in a family at different grade levels, all children can go to one school site (but it is recommended that they go to the grade level of the oldest child to ensure adequate nutrition).
- During the 3-week closure, Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations will coordinate a deep cleaning at all school sites.
- Extended Student Services (ESS) and After School Education and Safety (ASES) Programs will not be operating during the closure.

As the news and events surrounding COVID-19 continue to unfold at a rapid rate, we would like to acknowledge that our students' emotional well-being as well as their physical health, and that of your family, are very important to us.

Attached ([See COVID-19 Parent Handout](#)) are resources provided by the National Association of School Psychologists in talking to children about COVID-19.

Sincerely,
Marian Kim Phelps, Ed.D.
Superintendent