

Dear SCCS Families,

In the letter you received yesterday, we outlined plans to close schools along with all of the districts in Santa Cruz County in concurrence with the County Health Services Agency to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school communities. As we prepare for school closures next week, I am writing to provide an update on our specific district plans.

School and District Offices

Our school and district office staff will be at work next week. If you have questions or concerns, do not come in person to the office unless you have an urgent need that cannot be met by phone or email. Please email or call with questions. We will be happy to talk with you.

Food Service

We understand the hardship that this closure may cause, and Santa Cruz City Schools Food Services Department will continue to provide an opportunity for families and/or students to drive through or walk up and pick up meals.

CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT IN ORDER FOR MEALS TO BE PROVIDED. The schools listed below will provide lunch for the current day and breakfast for the following day. Meals will be served between 11 am and 1 pm daily in the parking lot. If you are driving, please stay in your car and meals will be provided based on the number of children in the car. All families are eligible for meal services and may pick up meals at any of the following locations:

- Bayview Elementary - Drive up in the parking lot near the kindergarten classrooms
- Gault Elementary - Drive up on Effey Street
- DeLaveaga Elementary - Drive up to the parking lot adjacent to the cafeteria
- Branciforte Middle School - Drive up in the cut out in front of the school
- Mission Hill - Drive up in front of the school
- Harbor High School - Drive up in the parking lot
- Soquel High School - Drive up in the circle in front of the school

This program will be solely for the pickup of meals and families must leave campus once they have their meal. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site once meals have been distributed, continuing to wash your hands often, sneezing or coughing into a tissue, and staying home if you are sick.

Distance Learning

Teachers will be at school next week preparing for distance learning options if school closures are extended. We are also making plans to loan Chromebooks and internet connections to families as needed to support distance learning.

Students Should Remain Home During School Closure

Please remember that we are asking that students and families follow the County's Public Health Officer's directive to stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible. This helps to protect our entire community.

Communication

We will continue to use email, text and robo calls to distribute information to families. You can also check for updates on our district website at www.sccs.net.

Again, we recognize that implementing these changes with such limited notice is challenging and disruptive, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation. The health and safety of students, families and staff are our top priority.

Sincerely,

Kris Munro
Superintendent