

March 17, 2020

Dear SCCS Families,

Yesterday, I wrote to share that school closure will be extended to April 10th. Superintendents will continue to work closely with Health and other officials to reevaluate whether it will be safe to re-open schools on April 13th or if a further extension of school closures is required. Today, I am writing to share resources with families.

We are preparing to begin distance learning next Monday. If your student needs a chromebook or hotspot to access the internet, we will begin distributing chromebooks today. We have ordered Hotspots and they will be available for check out later this week. Look for a message from your school Principal with details on checkout. If you have multiple children, you will be able to check out one chromebook for each child at any of the schools that your children attend.

The “Shelter in Place” order for Santa Cruz County directs all individuals to shelter at their place of residence except to leave to access essential services or engage in essential activities and work for essential businesses and government services. To view the public health order, click [here](#).

As a mom, I understand that keeping your children at home and doing work remotely is not an easy task no matter their ages. Although they miss their friends and social connections, this is not a time for playdates, parties or sleepovers. One option is to have students connect with their friends via zoom.com or Facetime. The intent of the “Shelter in Place” order is to stop the spread of the virus. That means we all need to do our part and remain at home.

As remote instruction begins again next week, we recommend keeping a regular schedule for school work beginning next Monday that includes time for movement and breaks. You will hear from your child’s teacher(s) about their instructional plans for next week.

We will continue to provide food services at seven of our school sites. 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 your family. 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

Please find a master list of all Santa Cruz County food service distribution locations at http://sccoe.link/food_service. An additional resource list is also attached to this email. You can find all of our school closure information on the district website at www.sccs.net.

If you have questions or need support, please contact your school office or the central office at 429-3410.

Sincerely,

Kris Munro
Superintendent