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Wilson Elementary  
Washington Intermediate  
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Sierra Vista High School  
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March 15, 2020

Dear Dinuba Families:

Today we find ourselves in unprecedented times. I thank you for your partnership and attention to the many messages that have been delivered to you in the past few weeks related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety and well-being of our students, staff members, and community are at the forefront of all of our efforts. Our district took steps today to move forward with a plan to address the health concerns related to COVID-19.

Due to an abundance of caution, we are closing school on Monday, March 16. With the guidance of local and state health officials, Dinuba Unified has made the very difficult decision to begin NON-STUDENT DAYS on Monday, March 16. Students will tentatively return to school on Tuesday, April 14. As a District, we are committed to keeping students safe and educated. Therefore, students will be provided with academic materials which will be distributed by mail during the week of March 16th. Please stay tuned for continuing educational opportunities.

Adjustments to the school schedule are listed below:

Monday, March 16 - Friday, April 3 Non-student days  
Monday, April 6 - Monday, April 13 Regularly scheduled Spring Break  
Tuesday, April 14 - Students tentatively return to school

We currently plan to welcome students back to campuses on Tuesday, April 14, but that decision will depend on the circumstances at the time. We will reevaluate this plan and provide updates to our families prior to April 14.

To assist with the challenges related to the non-student days, DUSD is taking the following steps:

- Meals will be available on weekdays beginning March 16 - April 3, similar to the summer lunch program.
  - Any person, age 19 and under, is eligible to "pick up" a meal.
  - Details on locations and times will be available on our website.
- Social and emotional support services will be available on an on-call basis between March 16 and April 3. Please contact the district office at 595-7206 if services are needed.

Please know that considerable thought has gone into the decisions being made in regard to this issue. We thank you for your understanding as we work together to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. We thank you for your resolve and understanding as we all work together during this trying time. We wish you continued health and look forward to seeing our students return on April 14. We will keep you informed of updates related to this matter and will continue posting information on the Dinuba Unified website [www.dinuba.k12.ca.us](http://www.dinuba.k12.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Joe Hernandez, Superintendent