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March 26, 2020

We hope this finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe during these times. We know this has been a stressful time for our community. As we believe in the essential nature of public education, our vision and mission has never been clearer.

Our Vision: Every student works to achieve grade level standards, feels safe and is supported to realize individual success.

Our Mission: Through smart actions and decisions, MUSD will work together using meaningful, measurable, and aligned data for all students to achieve mastery of grade level standards in all subjects based on their unique educational pathway in a safe environment inclusive of design, security and climate.

With much deliberation and critical analysis, we have made the difficult decision to commit to a distance learning model through May 15, 2020. In the best interests of students, with the continuity of instruction in mind, and the concerted allocation of resources in the least disruptive environment; MUSD will continue to work together using meaningful, measurable and aligned data for all students to achieve mastery of grade level standards in all subjects based on their unique educational pathway in the safest environment possible at this time.

It is our moral imperative to provide every student access to a robust instructional program aligned to grade level standards. We understand for most of our students, the optimal environment is physically in the classroom. Due to the state and local government recommendations for a potential twelve-week or longer school closures, the best solution to address the educational needs of our students is a long term one. The state of constant conflicting messages from Federal, State, Health officials has not provided clarity within our communities. We must do better.

On March 26, 2020, an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees was held to provide stability to all staff District-wide in these ever-changing times. Therefore, Board of Trustees of Manteca Unified School District in collaboration with District leadership unanimously voted to transition student learning beginning April 6, 2020 to a distance learning model through May 15, 2020. [Resolution 19/20-73](#), [Resolution 19/20-74](#)

We know our dedicated professional staff is eager to engage with their students and provide the stability necessary for learning. We have the staff and the base curricular instruments to successfully navigate and implement distance learning. Additionally, we have many supports in place to prepare instruction with fidelity.

Distance Learning Plan

We are committed to resume standards-based learning wherein every student has access to achieve grade level standards. Therefore, distance learning will be implemented through **Friday, May 15, 2020.**

Our professional team of educators have been preparing to deliver learning that allows students to work towards achieving grade level standards and earning valid course credit. Our teachers

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are embracing our new learning model and will be creatively providing quality, engaged learning addressing state standards.

By April 6, 2020, your student will have connected to their classroom teacher and/or teachers with specific instructions pertaining to their continued education through May 15, 2020. We are optimistic about returning to our physical classrooms on **May 18, 2020** to finish the school year together through May 29, 2020! During the last two weeks of school, MUSD will assess student learning needs, deliver summer learning opportunities, and provide closure for our promoting and graduating students.

Based on our previous communication, student's 5th-12th grade should be retrieving their devices from their school site this week. Deployment of K-4th grade student devices will begin Monday, March 30th. Please reach out to your students' school site if you have not received instructions. At-home learning resources can be found on our website:

www.mantecausd.net/homesupports for use until April 5, 2020.

Our educators will develop digital delivery models for our students. We recommend families and school sites coordinate with one another to retrieve lesson materials for students without access to the internet. Staff will ensure all students have access to curriculum lessons.

Grab and Go Meals

MUSD Nutrition Services will continue "Grab and Go" meal services in accordance to the existing schedule and will serve until further notice. We will continue to update the schedule here:

www.mantecausd.net/grabandgo

On-Going Communication

Our social media platforms ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) and our website (www.mantecausd.net) are an excellent source to stay informed, in addition to the existing methods of communication such as email, phone, and text. Please feel free to contact your school site at any time for site information for your student.

The only true failure would be to do nothing; our students are far too important to sit idle. As the Superintendent, I will not sit idle. We will endeavor to provide continuity of learning to our students with measured and deliberate steps. Next week, we will deliver more resources to support a transition to distance learning beginning April 6, 2020 addressing individual student needs based on grade level standards achievement in the safest environment possible while pursuing their unique individual pathway.

Respectfully,

Dr. Clark Burke, Superintendent