



Dear SUHSD Community,

As you know, current events involving COVID-19 are developing rapidly in our country and our region. In consultation with County Public Health and superintendents from school districts across San Diego County, all public schools will close beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. In the South County, the Chula Vista Elementary School District, National School District, San Ysidro School District, South Bay Union School District and Sweetwater Union High School District will each close schools through Friday, April 3, 2020. At this time, classes are scheduled to resume April 6, 2020. This cancellation includes all school and district events, including athletics.

Students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep all family members safe. South County districts are exploring with our cities, the County of San Diego, and community organizations, what it can do to support students and families while schools are closed during the week before Spring Break, as well as the break.

This decision was made with the best interests of students and staff in mind. Instead of doing reactive, school by school closures, we're going to focus the next three weeks on how we can provide essential support for our community in this new reality. It is likely we will be seeing many more cases of COVID-19 in the coming weeks and months and this will require a measured, sustained response.

Key district and site staff will be working to monitor the situation, continue operational planning, and to support students in essential areas as needed. Community and family services will continue to be available. For more information on this, please contact our Student Support Services Department at (619) 691-5564.

Given the many uncertainties of this situation, district leadership and staff are making every effort to minimize the impacts on long-term student learning.

This is a difficult decision, but necessary, as our nation tries to slow the spread and transmission of COVID-19. Please continue to look for updates from us and we ask that you continue to monitor the district website at www.sweetwaterschools.org.