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Dear Sylvan Union School District Families and Community,

As you are aware we continue to communicate with the Stanislaus County Office of Education who is in direct contact with the Governor's Office.

The Sylvan Union School District is following guidelines to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus - COVID-19 by closing our schools effective end of the day Wednesday, March 18, 2020. In addition, we want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this requires a community effort. If we do not all support the Public Health recommendations, including social distancing and avoiding non-essential activities, the closure of our schools will not be as effective in containing the spread of virus. The decisions we all make impact the entire community and our ability to return to our everyday activities, including school.

As a reminder:

- SUSD schools will close at the end of the day Wednesday, March 18th.
- If keeping your child home on Wednesday, March 18th, is the right thing for your family, please do so. As a parent/guardian, please call in your student's absence, and it will be marked excused.
- If sending your child to school is the right thing for your family at this time, please continue to do so for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 18th.
- SUSD schools will be closed from March 19th through April 5th.
- If the closure is extended, District staff will be in communication with families.

To continue to serve and support our students and families, we are in the process of determining a food distribution program for people age 18 and younger, similar to our annual Summer Feed program. We are planning for this to begin Monday, March 30, 2020. A letter will be going home to all families with the details.

Our Mission:

To provide a dynamic, broad-based education that prepares each child to be a contributing member of society.

We recognize that school closures may prompt some parents/guardians to seek meaningful activities to occupy their child's time. While we do not expect parents/guardians to be the expert in delivering grade level content, we are interested in partnering with parents to provide a menu of optional resources for parents to reference during the week of school closure following Spring Break. Information will be made available to all Sylvan families once this is finalized. In the interim, we encourage parents/guardians and children to read at home, play games, take neighborhood walks, and engage in conversations to build life skills such as resiliency and compassion.

This is new territory for all of us, and while we've had to make some adjustments in recent days, we are confident that we will pull together as a community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra M. Hendricks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Debra M. Hendricks
Superintendent