

March 18, 2020 9am

Dear PGUSD Families,

I hope that you have been doing well as we all start getting a bit used to these current times. By now you have been receiving additional 4 pm messages from the site administrators. Please continue to contact your teachers or the administration (sites or District) as you need. While site buildings are closed, we are still responding to communications in a timely manner, and wish to provide as much support as possible.

Apologies for the earlier update today, however I am expecting to participate in a webinar with the State Superintendent of Instruction at 10:15am. I hope that we will receive more instructions and details regarding educational programs and expectations. I will pass along any relevant information to you all on the 3 pm update.

Also, last night the Governor of California held a press conference, during which he commented that he thought it likely schools would remain closed (current status) through the remainder of this school year, and that distance learning would remain in place. Please note that this was only a comment and NOT a directive. We anticipate hearing more information soon. In the meantime, as per current instructions, schools will remain closed for students through April 8. We do have a spring break already scheduled from April 6-10, 2020. I will forward more information to you about that soon, but the expectation for now is that we will honor that break from instruction for staff and families, allowing some much needed respite. If all remains the same, the return date to schools would be April 13, 2020. Again, please stand by for more clarity on those dates.

I have included an attachment of the actual Shelter In Place Executive Order from the Monterey County Health Dept, in case you would like a copy.

Here are a few more updates:

Food Service

Drive-thru or walk-up to either location for a free meal comprised of lunch and next-day breakfast from 11:30a - 12:15p, Monday through Friday during school closures.

- Pacific Grove High School: distribution in student parking lot off of Sunset Dr.
- Robert Down Elementary: distribution in front of Pine Ave. gate between the main building and kinder wing

Beginning today, we will have meal distribution from 12:30p-1:00p at the corner of Arkwright/Moreland.

District Technology

Members of PGTech will once again be available today, Wednesday, March 18 from 9-10am in the PGHS library to check-out chromebooks to any family in need of a student device. If you have not already done so, please complete this brief home technology survey: <https://forms.gle/vfsRSHh45dZtteL97>

To those who indicated through the survey a need for at-home wifi connectivity, we expect to receive a batch of wifi hotspot units within the next day or two and we will be contacting you directly for check-out/pick-up details. Thank you for your patience.

Adult School

Adult school students who have paid for the Spring Session, those fees will be credited to the new session when we return. Those students wanting a reimbursement can call or email the school and we can certainly refund their tuition.

Reminders

All school sites and the District Office are closed to the public through Wednesday, April 8, with the possibility of an extension. Staff is working remotely during this time and available via email. We encourage members of the public to please visit our website at www.pgusd.org and click 'Contact Us' to send an email to the appropriate District personnel for any District needs during this closure. If you prefer to leave a voice message, phone numbers are also listed on the website. Please note voice messages will be checked daily and your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate your patience during this time.

As a reminder, the most effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of the pandemic is by implementing social distancing practices. In order for these preventative measures to be effective, **students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep caregivers and adult family members safe.**

It is an honor to serve you, your students and the PGUSD staff. Take care and be well.

Most Sincerely

Ralph G Porras