

March 19, 2020 3pm

Dear PGUSD Families,

Thank you all for your continued support as we work together to maintain a vibrant and strong Pacific Grove community. Also, we have had many families call in and ask how they might be able to volunteer. We so very much appreciate the offers, and we will certainly get the word out when/if needed.

We do not have much more to add for the District update today. Please be on the lookout for the regular 4 PM updates from school sites.

Just a reminder: due to the Health Department Order to remain closed until April 8th, we have currently extended this through the end of Spring Break, April 13th. This order may very well change, especially in light of the Governor's comments. Please stay tuned to any changes. Thank you for your patience.

Board Meeting

As you know, the Monterey County Health Department issued an Order to all individuals currently living in Monterey County to “shelter in their place of residence” to contain the rapid spread of COVID-19. People are allowed to leave their residences ONLY for essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses. In addition, all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside of a household are prohibited except for those that are listed in the Order. The essential activities that are exempt under the Order includes the following:

- Related to their health and safety or that of a family member, such as obtaining medical supplies, visiting a health care provider or obtaining medication.
- Obtaining necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or to deliver those to others, such as food other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of the residence.
- To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements that are specified, such as walking, hiking, or running.
- To perform work providing essential products and services as an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities that are specifically permitted by the Order.
- To care for a family member or pet in another household.

We do not know if the County Health Department will consider attendance by the public at the meeting of the Pacific Grove Unified School District’s Board of Education will be allowed. We also do not know if and how law enforcement is presently enforcing the Order. **We bring this to your attention so that if you are planning to attend the Board meeting you are aware of the Order and also you will take precaution to protect yourself and others from exposure to the virus.**

Our Board Meeting will be live-streamed through Zoom Meeting Web Conferencing on Thursday, March 19th, 2020 @ 6:30PM. To join the meeting virtually please click on the link on the front page of our website: <https://pgusd.org/>

The Board will be taking public comment both in person and through Zoom's chat room.

Please note that we may experience some technical difficulties and we will do our best to resolve them. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Food Service

To ensure the health and safety of all our staff and families, we appreciate your cooperation with our efforts to enforce social distancing as our staff provides families with nutrition and technology resources.

We anticipate that the proximity of staff to families picking up resources will be minimized as designated family members quickly retrieve their family's items and maintain social distancing as much as possible from staff and other family groups.

To help us achieve this, we ask that each family group coming to pick up breakfast/lunch combos assign a family contact to retrieve the food/device. This individual should be free from all symptoms of illness and should sanitize their hands right before picking up their items.

Family groups should remain at least 6 feet away from pick-up tables and from all other family groups in line. As family groups approach the food pick-up area, the assigned family contact should approach the pick-up table and quickly retrieve their own food bags/containers. The family group should then quickly move away from the pick-up area.

Thank you again for your help and support. We are grateful to provide you with these resources and are wishing all of you safety and good health!

Most Sincerely

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