



COVID-19 Update: April 2, 2020
Community Bulletin

Lancaster Schools Standing Strong!

School Closures Extended Through End of School Year

Hello Families and Community Members;

I sincerely hope this bulletin finds you and your loved ones doing well. Student, staff and family safety is our number one priority. State health officials have made it clear that the safest place to be during the COVID-19 pandemic is home. With that in mind, our campuses will remain physically closed for the remainder of the school year. Our decision aligns with the recommendation from Governor Newsom, State Superintendent of Education Tony Thurmond, and Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Debra Duardo that schools remain physically closed for the rest of the academic year.

Importantly, while campuses are closed, school will be in session April 6 through June 4 and instruction will continue. We recognize that this decision comes with many challenges. Remote learning is a new experience for all of us. The California Department of Education, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and our leadership teams work each day to identify solutions to support this new learning environment. We are pleased to share with you that beginning Monday, April 6th, Lancaster School District will support our students via the ***Lancaster Schools Standing Strong!*** initiative utilizing remote learning, core, and supplemental resources. We are fully committed to ensuring that our students and staff have the support, as well as access to materials, supplies and the critical resources necessary to promote their success.

Food Service Distribution

Lancaster School District will continue to provide “Grab and Go” breakfast and lunch for youth between the ages of 1 and 18 (children need **not** be present) at the following locations:

April 6 - June 30, 2020

11:30am - 1:00pm

Amargosa Creek Middle	44333 27 th Street West
Desert View Elementary	1555 West Avenue H-10
Discovery Elementary	44910 17 th Street East
El Dorado Elementary	361 East Pondera
Jack Northrop Elementary	835 East Avenue K-4
Joshua Elementary	43926 N. 2nd Street East
Lincoln Elementary	44021 15 th Street East
Linda Verde Elementary	44924 5th Street East
Mariposa Elementary	737 W. Avenue H-6
Miller Elementary	43420 22 nd Street West
Sunnydale Elementary	1233 West Avenue J-8
West Wind Elementary	44044 36th Street West

Continuity of Learning during School Closure April 6 – June 4, 2020

This week every Lancaster student will receive a packet of materials in the mail to be completed April 6 through 10, 2020. The packet contains grade level appropriate materials for students to work on that offer a review of core foundational skills as well as enrichment ideas and activities. Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, we have also provided access to remote learning tools as part of our [Lancaster Schools Standing Strong!](#) initiative. This is an excellent resource that provides students rich experiences and incorporates incentives to motivate them to stay focused on learning. **School Principals will be communicating with students and their families later this week. After spring break, teachers and support staff will also be reaching out to students/families to answer questions and provide additional support.** In the meantime, please know that next week (April 6-10, 2020) students should plan to work on the packets they will receive in the mail.

We know that **access to technology and the internet** may pose challenges for some of our families and our Technology Department is working to identify ways that we may assist in providing the needed tools at every level. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work out these details for you. **Please expect to receive information with more details regarding technology early next week.**

COVID-19 Prevention - Protecting Your Health and Safety

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. The Department of Public Health (DPH) recommends everyday personal prevention actions:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and use hand sanitizers
- Stay 6 feet or more away from strangers and those who are ill
- Stop shaking hands with others to reduce the spread of germs
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your sleeve; safely throw away used tissues

We will continue to post updates via Peach Jar and Facebook. COVID-19 updates are also easily located on our District webpage at www.lancsd.org. For more information about COVID-19, visit the Department of Public Health's [website](#).

Stay healthy! Stay safe! Stay strong!



Dr. Michele Bowers
Superintendent



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