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Dear PUSD Families,

I am so proud of the way our Poway Unified community is pulling together in this time of crisis! This week, our Food & Nutrition department and school site staff have been providing lunches at every campus as well as serving breakfast at eight school sites. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped make this possible. Effective Monday, March 23, the District is consolidating breakfast and lunch service to one pick up time at fewer centralized school locations. This decision was based on feedback from our families as well as the data collected from the actual number of meals distributed this week. In addition, this change will accommodate our limited staffing, in abidance with the governor's directives. We hope that this will be more convenient for our families, allowing students to have one pick up time that includes both lunch and breakfast for the following day. We will provide additional details on the new times and locations by the end of the week.

For now, we will continue the following food service through Friday, March 20:

Breakfast: Free bagged breakfasts will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at sites that normally serve breakfast.

-Los Penasquitos Elementary School - 14125 Cuca St, San Diego, CA 92129

-Midland Elementary School - 13910 Midland Rd, Poway, CA 92064

-Pomerado Elementary School - 12321 9th St, Poway, CA 92064

-Valley Elementary School - 13000 Bowron Rd #5799, Poway, CA 92064

-Meadowbrook Middle School - 12320 Meadowbrook Ln, Poway, CA 92064

-Mt. Carmel High School - 9550 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego, CA 92129

-Poway High School - 15500 Espola Rd, Poway, CA 92064

-Westview High School - 13500 Camino Del Sur, San Diego, CA 92129

Lunch: FREE brown bag lunches will be available at all Poway Unified School District (PUSD) school sites to PUSD students from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m

We have expanded the free meals to include any children 18 and under; they do not need to be PUSD students.

Please know that our students' learning remains a priority. In addition to the optional resources provided by your child's teacher, all parents and students can also access optional learning resources that the District has compiled for all grade levels. These resources will be available

starting Wednesday, March 18 at 1pm at PowayUSD.com. These resources will be a comprehensive collection that includes math, language arts, social studies, and science, as well as art and P.E. All resources are free. Additional resources may also be available from your school site and/or teacher. We also know many children thrive on structure, and knowing what to expect in their day contributes to peace of mind during this uncertain time. The site also offers sample daily/weekly schedules that you can customize for your own family.

The California Department of Education and Governor Newsom are expected to release shortly further guidance for all school districts due to the emergency closure. We will share any additional information as soon as they become available.

Communication with our school community is paramount during these uncertain times. However, we need to make you aware that many school districts across the country, including PUSD, utilize a mass communication platform called Blackboard Connect. With so many districts utilizing the same system, any communications sent to our families could be delayed due to their system being overloaded. Thus, know that our website and social media accounts will be updated immediately and have the most current information. We apologize for any delay in our communications being sent to you due to this unfortunate circumstance. Unfortunately school districts across the country are experiencing the same delays. COVID-19 related information will always be on our [powayusd.com website](http://powayusd.com) first, posted on District social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)), and push notifications through our app (download it here for [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#)). It is important to follow us on one of these platforms to receive the most up-to-date information.

Tonight the Governor made a statement indicating that school closures may be extended through the rest of the school year. We will continue to monitor and work closely with the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, San Diego County Health & Human Services, and the San Diego County Office of Education to ensure we are able to communicate the most up to date information with our staff and families. Unfortunately none of us knows what the immediate future holds for the schools, our district, the county, or our country. Your support, continued patience, and understanding during these difficult times are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marian Kim Phelps, Ed.D.

Superintendent