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Superintendent's Message:

Ending this Year, Future Distance Learning & the California Budget

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Dear GUSD Parents, Families, and Community,

As we look to the last two weeks of our regular school year, we want to thank you for your support of student learning and hope you are able to take some time this weekend with your families. This week, I have several updates that you will want to be aware of as we end our current distance learning plans, look forward to our reopening school plans for 2020-21, and our continued monitoring of the California state budget. We appreciate your support of our Prek-8 children during this pandemic, your tireless efforts to ensure uninterrupted learning at home, and continue to thank you on behalf of our GUSD staff family!

For this week, I have several updates that you will want to be aware of as follows:

Governor Newsom's COVID-19 Update: Governor Newsom announced new modifications to the statewide stay-at-home orders, expanded testing that would include some pharmacies, and reopening restaurants. Newsom encouraged people to follow their own county's numbers via the state coronavirus website. You can follow the link to our own [Monterey County orders here](#). As of May 22, 2020, there are 362 positive cases in Monterey County, 76 in south county, and 13 specifically in Greenfield. There continues to be two new Covid-19 testing sites in Monterey County, one at the Greenfield branch of Monterey County Free Libraries and another in Salinas at Alisal High School. Appointments can be made online at [lhi.care/covidtesting](#) or by calling 1-888-634-1123. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information. Everyone is encouraged to get tested even if they do not have flu like symptoms.

Center for Disease Control Release: Across America, states and localities are experiencing different phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have chosen to begin moving gradually and strategically toward resuming civic life. To help states, as well as businesses and community organizations operate as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC released a new resource on May 20th to aide in reopening. The [CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and Reopening America](#) summarizes CDC's initiatives, activities, and tools in response to COVID-19 along with a document that includes a standardized way to look at the CDC's criteria in [Opening Up America Again](#).

Governor Newsom's California Budget Projections: With the release of Governor Newsom's May Revision, California faces a \$54.3 billion budget deficit, as well as a \$19 billion decline in the Proposition 98 Guarantee. His May Revision summary for all of California can be found [here](#). We ask you to contact our local and state politicians to advocate for PreK-12 Education and to hold school districts harmless from future budget cuts. We need all of our voices heard to minimize the Governor's impact to our California educational system. As

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shared last week, our advocacy is critical. Thank you in advance for your voice by clicking [this link](#) and emailing our local and state politicians to prioritize K-12 Education.

School Reopening Task Force: For California Public Schools, all educational programs and schools as we knew them on March 13th have shifted. We now know the traditional instructional model (i.e. distance and/or a hybrid) for 2020-2021 remains uncertain, with both facilities and staffing needs being evaluated all across our nation. In order to adequately prepare for our future, Asst Supt Cortez and I led our first School Reopening Task Force meeting today to help plan for several possible scenarios and a safe return to school in the future at have 37 people in attendance. We will post our agenda on our GUSD website, and on our Facebook pages as we continue to throughout the summer months. Topics will include classroom instruction, health and safety, procedures and protocols for families and staff, facility inspections and sanitation procedures, and other areas that impact school functions. Our Distance Learning Handbook is still available by clicking [here](#) as well as contacting our teachers, technology team, and school counselors for support. Thank you!

Technology and WiFi Access Update: We will now have an additional 60 broadband access points located throughout the city of Greenfield near GUSD student homes so our students can get online whenever their teachers want to meet with them. Detailed locations of each tower will be shared via ParentSquare, our website, on Twitter, and our district and school Facebook pages. All students in grades preschool through-8th grade should now have a device so we can transition to online learning so they can continue to access learning. If one of your students still does not have a device, please notify the student, your IT staff and school principal so we can assist you in getting a device in their hands ASAP. We want 100% of our students online. WiFi access also continues to be available through [MST access support](#) at Mary Chapa Academy and Oak Avenue School during designated hours and also shares MST locations all across Monterey County. Please come, park and learn.

Technology Support for Students and Families: We will offer Technology support every day, every week at varying times at each school site and will share a flyer with all staff and families so you can refer them for support at the following locations. Please see [this link](#) here for our Technology team office hours so students and families can get support with access to learning now and throughout the summer months.

8th Grade Celebration of Promotion: We can now share that VVMS will host a “Drive Thru” celebration ceremony that will include promotion gowns, virtual speeches, live-streaming, and many student and family smiles! GUSD has submitted our plan to the Monterey County Health Department and is awaiting final approval. The Greenfield Police department has already approved it. We are excited to provide a meaningful way to celebrate the culmination of 8th grade and the matriculation to Greenfield High School. Thank you for your patience. More to details to come from our VVMS team!

Friendly Reminder- Monterey County COVID-19 Executive Order: We continue to follow the mandatory face mask covering order that all residents of Monterey County must follow as mandated last week. The only exceptions are children under the age of 12 and especially

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babies age 2 and under. We ask that you continue to exercise great caution with children of any age and keep them safe and 6 feet away from others outside those that live in your household. The Monterey County Health department continues to extend the Shelter in Place order through May 31st which continues to reinforce that residents only leave their homes for essential functions as to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. We thank you for your cooperation and support in following this order.

Friendly Reminder- Returning Distance Learning Curriculum Packets: We have shared a communication for the safe and secure return of your curriculum packets and thank you for your cooperation. Every child must make a “good faith” attempt to complete every page and to work directly with your teachers for learning support. If you have not submitted them to date or missed your scheduled submission day for the first round of packets, please contact your teacher immediately to develop a plan to return them. You may also call our school offices to schedule a return appointment to ensure your child receives credit for completing the assigned learning packets. This is very important so thank you!

Friendly Reminder- Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten Registration: We began the process of registering your 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. We had great success during our designated registration weeks and continue to set up parent appointments for the completion of all registration forms either online or in person. Please call your school office and follow Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked pages on our Facebook for flyers and further details as we continue to register all eligible children. Thank you!

Friendly Reminder- Nutrition and Meal Service Program: The district continues to provide breakfast and lunch grab-and-go meals for students on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at all school sites with enough meals to provide 5 breakfast and 5 lunches each week. The meals from the Monterey County Food Bank provided by GUSD has been suspended due to low inventory and will resume when possible. For now, GUSD families may go to Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 10-11am to pick up food.

Friendly reminder- Staff Communication System: Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are up to date at your school and with human resources to ensure you are receiving important Parent Square messages. If you have previously opted out of school and district messages, please ask your school to opt you back in. It's very important to stay connected and receive any emergency information. Our Parent Square notification system is our communications platform for general information and emergency information so please help us help you. Please also visit our school website for current information at <https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/>

Friendly Reminder- Family Resource Center: The Family Resource Center will have staff available every Monday from 9:00 am-5:00pm to support our families. Please call or visit them if you need help with student registrations, completing the Census 2020, or other items that you need help with.

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Friendly Reminder- School Office Staff: Please call our district office or any of our school offices as ALL calls will be forwarded to our staff for a quick response. We understand that families may have questions on several topics enclosed in this communication, so please reach out to us if you need to and we will be happy to connect with you.

Friendly Reminder: Census 2020: Please take a moment to complete the Census 2020 so that our Greenfield children and families can be supported. Completing the Census 2020 will ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and public safety such as police fire departments, allow us to plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods, and determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives. All responses are CONFIDENTIAL and it only takes about 10 minutes to complete. There are 3 ways to self-report so please help our wonderful community of Greenfield be counted! We count, we rise! Please complete in one of these ways:

- On-line: www.mycensus.gov
- By phone: 1-844-330-2020
- Via mail (most households have already received their packets)

Friendly Reminder- Health Guidelines: For health guidelines, please visit:

- GUSD website: <https://www.greenfield.k12.ca.us/health-safety-updates>
- Monterey County Health Department and Center for Disease Control <https://www.montereycountyclinicservices.org/>
- United Way by dialing “2-1-1” or visiting their comprehensive 211 webpage at <https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/211>.
- The office of Governor Gavin Newsom at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>

On behalf of the District, we will continue to communicate with you every Friday in the coming days and weeks with the latest. Thank you for all you do and we wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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