



# GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Superintendent's Message: California Executive Order and Distance Learning Update

May 8, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community of Greenfield,

I hope this communication finds you doing well today and looking forward to a wonderful weekend with you loved ones. We have several updates for this week that you will want to be aware of as we continue distance learning and offering essential services to our students and community. Your GUSD family thanks you for your continued support of all we are doing to support all of our children during this pandemic and we thank you for reaching out to us whenever you have questions or need support with distance learning. We truly appreciate you!

This week, I would like to share the following:

**Governor Newsom's Update:** As the state continues implementation of the four-stage framework to allow Californians to gradually reopen some lower-risk businesses and public spaces while continuing to preserve public health, Governor Gavin Newsom announced this week that based on the state's progress in meeting metrics tied to indicators, the state will begin to move into Stage 2 of modifying the stay at home order beginning today, May 8th. Each day we receive further detail as to our reopening procedures and will share those with you as we learn more. This week the Governor [released a Report Card](#) showing how the state has made progress in fighting COVID-19 in a number of categories such as stabilized hospitalization and ICU numbers and acquiring PPE. "Millions of Californians answered the call to stay home and thanks to them, we are in a position to begin moving into our next stage of modifying our stay at home order," said Governor Newsom. "But make no mistake – this virus isn't gone. It's still dangerous and poses a significant public health risk. As we move into the next stage of reopening, we will do so with updated guidance to help qualifying businesses make modifications needed to lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure to customers and workers. Californians should prepare now for that second stage of reopening."

**Monterey County 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 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Distance Learning:** Distance learning continues to be our education delivery system through the remainder of this school year. Please view our Distance Learning Handbook

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[here](#) and available to you via Parent Square, our GUSD website, and linked on our Facebook pages that answers many questions on our operating procedures. Our teachers, administrators and staff have worked hard to create an educational system that supports the learning goals of all our students. The handbook has information regarding student registration and enrollment for 2020-21, social emotional support, health information, Census 2020, and much more.

**Looking forward to Opening Schools in 2020-21:** At this time, GUSD is working with the Monterey County Health Department and other Monterey County superintendents and school districts to develop a safe and secure learning plan for the return to school that meets all the demands of the health department. Plans will include classroom instruction and education scenarios to ensure student and staff safety at all times, office procedures and protocols for families and staff, facility inspections and sanitation procedures, and all other plans that impact any district and school functions. As or plans develop, we will update you.

**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!

**Preschool, TK, and Kindergarten Registration:** We began the process of registering your 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. We had great success this May 4-8 registration week 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 your children with staff available for appointments next week. Thank you!

**Technology and WiFi Access:** Please contact your teacher or administrator if your student has not yet picked up a device for distance learning. We have enough for every child to receive on and there is no need to share with a sibling. All students in grades preschool through-8<sup>th</sup> grade should have a device so we can transition to online learning. Please call your child’s school if you still need to pick up your device. Also, if you need more information for WiFi access, please call our school offices or access our GUSD Distance Learning Handbook. We now have MST access support at Mary Chapa Academy and Oak Avenue School during designated hours so please come and park and learn. Detailed information was shared via ParentSquare, our website, and on Twitter and our district and school Facebook pages.

**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

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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.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion:** At this time, GUSD and VVMS is working with the Monterey County Health Department and other Monterey County superintendents and school districts to develop a safe and secure learning plan to celebrate 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions and 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduations that meets all the demands of the Monterey County Health Department and its executive order in place. We should be able to release a plan in the next two weeks. This is a work in progress to determine a safe, secure and meaningful way to celebrate the culmination of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and the matriculation to Greenfield High School. Thank you for your patience. More to come...

**Parent Communication System:** Please make sure your email address and phone numbers are up to date at your school to ensure you are receiving important 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/>

**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.

**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.

**Our Classified Staff:** Our classified staff continues to provide support to our district and site teams, and community families, in our human resources department, maintenance, operations, custodial, facilities, transportation, administrative support, special education support, payroll, purchasing, fiscal, business, translation and family support services. We thank each of them for continued operations of our programs during this time. Please take a moment to thank them with a positive phone call, email, or a shout out on social media. They love to hear from 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

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

**Health Guidelines:** For up-to-date health guidelines and recommendations, please visit:

- **Greenfield Union School District** 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. Please be safe and take care of yourself, your families and others who need you. We thank you and wish you a wonderful weekend with your families!

Sincerely,  
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