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Superintendent's Message:

This week's California Budget Update and Distance Learning Plans

May 15, 2020

Dear GUSD Parents, Families, and Community,

I hope this communication finds you doing well today and looking forward to a relaxing weekend with your loved ones. I have several updates for this week that you will want to be aware of as we continue to monitor the California state budget, our distance learning plans and our plans to continue offering essential services to our students and community. Your flexibility and support for our children during this pandemic continues to be with an open heart and we thank you on behalf of our GUSD staff family!

For this week, we have several updates that you will want to be aware of as we continue distance learning and offering essential services to our students and community as follows:

Governor Newsom's COVID-19 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 last week that the state is now in Stage 2 of modifying the stay at home order. The Governor [released a Report Card](#) showing all stages and how the state has made progress. As of May 14, 2020, there are a total of 317 positive cases in Monterey County, 56 in south county, and 9 specifically in Greenfield. There are now two new Covid-19 testing sites that have opened in Monterey County - one at the Greenfield branch of Monterey County Free Libraries, located at 315 El Camino Real, and another in Salinas at Alisal High School, located at 777 Williams Road. Appointments can be made online at lhi.care/covidtesting or by calling 1-888-634-1123. See this [flyer](#) for more information and all testing locations. Everyone is encouraged to get tested even if they do not have flu like symptoms.

Governor Newsom's California Budget Projections and our School District's Impact: Yesterday at noon, Governor Newsom released the May Revision of his budget proposal during his noon press conference. After noting that the "world has changed dramatically" since his January Budget, he announced that 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 please 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. Thank you in advance for your voice.

Distance Learning Task Force: Distance learning continues to be our education delivery system through the remainder of this school year and may likely be the same methods upon our return. In order to adequately prepare for our future, Assistant Supt Cortez will be initiating a Distance Learning Task Force to help plan for several possible scenarios and a

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safe return to school in the future. Please let her know via email if you are interested as she will start looking at how to have a well-represented cross section of all stakeholders. Please continue to view our Distance Learning Handbook [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. The handbook has information regarding student registration and enrollment for 2020-21, social emotional support, health information, Census 2020, and much more.

Technology and WiFi Access: All students in grades preschool through-8th grade should now have a device so we can transition to online learning. If one of your students still does not have a device, please notify your school teacher, your school 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 is now available through MST access support at Mary Chapa Academy and Oak Avenue School during designated hours so please come, park and learn. We will also have an additional 65 access points located all throughout the city of Greenfield near GUSD student homes so they can get online whenever their teachers needs them to meet. Detailed information will be shared via ParentSquare, our website, on Twitter, and our district and school Facebook pages when the towers are up and running. Thank you to our IT department!

8th Grade “Drive Thru” Celebration of Promotion: We can now share some exciting news about our celebration! VVMS will host a “Drive Thru” celebration ceremony that will include promotion gowns, virtual speeches, live-streaming, and many student and family smiles! GUSD and VVMS is working with the Monterey County Health Department to finalize a safe and secure plan to celebrate our 8th grade promotion that meets all the demands of the Monterey County Health Department and its executive order. Details are being released by GUSD/VVMS as they are approved. 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 come...

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 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

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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 these past 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 your children with staff available for appointments next week. 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.

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

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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 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. Thank you again for all you do to support your child during distance learning. Please take care of yourself and know we are only a call or email away of you need to contact us for support or with questions. We thank you and wish you a wonderful weekend with your families!

Sincerely,

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