



GREENFIELD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent's Message:

GUSD Moves to Distance Learning Model and Hosts Community Town Hall meetings!

July 17, 2020

Dear GUSD Parents, Families, and Community,

As we plan for the 2020-21 school year, we will engage in Distance Learning from August 12 through October 13, 2020. As you know, the Greenfield COVID cases are growing astronomically and have placed us in a high-risk situation with students returning to school. The coronavirus pandemic is heavy on all our minds as we carefully planning a safe and healthy return. I wish to thank you and appreciate you all for attending our Town Hall meetings and for submitting over 500 questions we were able to respond to. Although this 2020-21 school year will be a nontraditional start, we wholeheartedly look forward to working together with our families and staff for a safe return to virtual learning so we can do what we do best...teaching and learning!

I write this week to share several matters of importance that you will want to know and understand as we move through these next few weeks.

For this week, your updates are as follows:

California Governor Newsom's Order: Today, Governor Newsom announced the California Department of Public Health has released updated Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs and he also set the metrics that all schools (public and private) and county public health officials must use to determine whether to reopen schools to in-person instruction. He has ordered ALL Monterey County to schools to start in FULL Distance Learning. This guidance addresses the wearing of face coverings, social distancing, increased hygiene practices and cleaning, as well as rules for operating transportation and sports programming. You can find the full guidance [document here](#).

Greenfield USD School Board: Yesterday, at our School Board meeting at 2pm, our Board of Trustees took a BOLD stance and accepted staff recommendation for FULL Distance Learning for Quarter One (August 12-October 15) due to the growing number of COVID cases in our community. Our Board will re-evaluate our GUSD school plans every 9 weeks based on scientific data and community stakeholder survey data. We will also continue to engage our community in Town Hall meetings with any changes that affect our GUSD community. The link to our Town Hall presentations and guidance documents in **English and Spanish** can be [found here](#).

Monterey County Positive COVID cases: As of July 17, 2020, there are 3,059 positive cases in Monterey County, 734 in south county, and 246 in Greenfield. Please see this [flyer](#) to make a

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testing appointment here in Greenfield if you feel ill. Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and get tested to help stop the spread of COVID. I also offer [this link](#) if you would like to access daily **COVID counts** for Monterey County and our Greenfield community. We miss our kids deeply and thank you for helping get us back to school by taking all safety and health precautions seriously and by wearing a mask. Thank you!

GUSD Reopening Schools Task Force: Our Reopening Schools Task Force comprised of teachers, classified staff, administrators, and parents shared our plan at our Town Hall meetings and we had a total of 600 staff and community members present collectively. We are thankful for your voice and your commitment to making our Greenfield community a strong one together! Please continue to access our staff, student, and community [survey link here](#) and ask your questions so that we may prepare a Question and Answer document in English and Spanish to post on our website by next Friday.

Wireless Internet Access: We have secured WiFi access points all over Greenfield with 60+ broadband access points available all day long. Please [click on this map](#) to see all FREE WiFi locations in Greenfield. [This link](#) is also available to request assistance from our Technology team members during their office hours. Additionally, we will be sending a new survey to our families to inquire about WiFi needs in the next weeks. Please let us know your needs!

Reminder: GUSD Family Resource Center is now open EVERYDAY: The Family Resource Center will have staff available every Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-5:00pm to support our families. Please call or visit if you need help with student registrations, completing the Census 2020, understanding our Reopening Plan, and other matters of assistance.

Reminder: GUSD Summer Meal Service for Students: Meal service and Monterey County Food Bank continues through [the month of July](#) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30a.m. at Arroyo Seco Academy and Cesar Chavez Elementary. GUSD families can also receive Food Bank meals at the Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 10-11am.

Reminder: Summer Reading Enrichment: Please enjoy our Summer Enrichment program for PreK-8 focusing on reading, literacy and enriching Chromebook apps this summer. Students will win bicycles, backpacks, PBIS bucks, and more so keep logging in so you keep learning! A flyer can be viewed [right here](#).

Friendly Reminders on our Health Guidelines please visit:

- MC Health Dept at <https://www.montereycountyclinicservices.org/>
- United Way “2-1-1” at <https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/211>.
- The office of Governor Gavin Newsom at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>

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On behalf of the District, we sincerely thank you for your commitment to our schools and for your voice in creating a stronger community together! We appreciate you and value you as our trusted partners in education. I am incredibly proud to be your superintendent, a product of Greenfield schools, and your school leader. Thank you for choosing GUSD and letting us be a part of your lives. Take good care of yourself so you can care for those around you!

Sincerely,

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