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Dear Stockton Unified Staff, Students, and Families,

Last night, the Governor of California held a press conference announcing a new public health executive order to respond to COVID-19 (coronavirus). In adherence to the new and additional guidance, Stockton Unified will be enacting the following directives through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Decisions beyond April 1<sup>st</sup> will be made at a later date.

## 1. Scheduled School Visits or Events That Are Open To or Include Members of the Public

- All events held before, during, and after school each day, including weekends, that are open to
  members of the public are canceled/postponed. This includes awards ceremonies, PTA meetings,
  plays or other performances, School Site Council meetings, school-sponsored cleanup days, and
  other fundraising or social events.
- Parent and community volunteer opportunities will be suspended/postponed.
- All field trips, events, and conferences are being canceled/postponed for students and adults. *This includes science camp*.
- Guidance on all athletic practices and sporting events will be provided tomorrow, March 13, 2020.

## 2. Scheduled District Events

- All professional development activities are canceled/postponed. *This includes all events facilitated by external contractors such as AVID conferences, CORE Site Visits, etc.*
- All non-essential large gatherings are canceled/postponed. *This includes community concerts, DELAC meetings, etc.*

Stockton Unified School District takes this very seriously, and we continue to take precautions with the regular cleaning and disinfecting of our school sites. Currently, there are no confirmed cases within our student or staff population. **Per the guidance from public health officials, we are not closing schools or cancelling classes at this time.** We will continue to keep the Stockton Unified community and stakeholders updated as more information is available. All After School Programs will remain open at this time.

With Spring Break coming next week please review the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations regarding <u>state to state travel</u>. According to CDC, if families travel to a country with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice, they will be asked to stay home for a period of 14 days from the time they left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread. For more information on CDC travel alerts, please <u>visit their website</u>. If you are traveling to one of these countries, please inform your school site.

To help prevent the spread of the flu or any viruses, please continue to practice good hygiene including:

- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

Thank you,

Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent