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Dear Stockton Unified students, families, and community,

SUSD is committed to prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff as we plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Over the summer, our District received guidance from the state and county on how to safely reopen our schools and began planning to offer in-person learning. However, due to the significant increase of COVID-19 cases in San Joaquin County in recent weeks, we do not believe that schools can safely and responsibly reopen this fall.

Therefore, the 2020-2021 school year will begin in a 100% distance learning model. Instruction will resume on Monday, August 3, 2020, as previously scheduled.

We recognize that this decision will be disappointing to many staff, students and families who were looking forward to returning to campus, reconnecting with one another, and continuing their education. While this was a difficult decision to make, we know that this is the best decision for the health of our students, staff and community.

The District will continue to plan for a return to in-person learning during the school year as soon as public health conditions allow.

As in the spring, the District is prepared to support student instruction with distance learning, technology, and meal service. Additional information surrounding the logistics will be released in the coming weeks. Moreover, we are prepared to support the mental health and wellness of our students and staff.

Stockton Unified will continue to monitor the development of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will plan accordingly, in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials. Stay up to date from SUSD regarding the pandemic on the SUSD Website at [www.stocktonusd.net](http://www.stocktonusd.net), where we continue to add resources and post updates as we learn more.

Thank you,

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