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Dear Stockton Unified Community,

Stockton Unified School District Superintendent of Schools, John E. Deasy, announces that SUSD classes will remain canceled for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year in accordance to state and local guidance.

San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James Mousalimas today announced a recommendation for schools in San Joaquin County to pursue a distance-learning model through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year while extending the closure of all public school facilities to help stop the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Superintendent Mousalimas' recommendation was made in consultation with San Joaquin County's Public Health Director, Dr. Maggie Park.

The action follows the March 31 recommendation from State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond that was supported by California Governor Gavin Newsom at the April 1 press briefing where Newsom also noted that it is very unlikely that it would be possible to send children back to school campuses before the end of the school year.

"During this unprecedented public health emergency, educational leaders in San Joaquin County have taken steps to protect the safety of our students and community by closing schools to help stop the spread of COVID-19. My recommendation is for schools in San Joaquin County to continue to do their part to protect our communities while providing for the educational needs of students through distance learning," Mousalimas said. "Even though school facilities are closed for the remainder of the school year, the school year is not over, and the learning does not stop. Our local schools are equipped to take on this challenge as they have already adapted during the current school closures to provide meals and instructional opportunities for students."

"I appreciate and fully support the guidance from County Superintendent Mousalimas and agree that while physical classes will be canceled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, our students learning will continue," Dr. Deasy said. "The health and safety of our school communities is our number one priority."

The coming days and weeks, districts and schools will provide their students and families with information regarding how grades, graduation ceremonies, eighth grade promotions, transcripts, scholarships, and continued distance learning instruction will be handled. We ask for patience and understanding as we are all quickly transitioning into a new way of teaching and learning to meet the health and safety impacts of COVID-19. Working together we can and will meet this challenge.



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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.

Sincerely,

Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent

For the most accurate, up-to-date information from SUSD regarding the pandemic, Please check the District website at www.stocktonusd.net/COVID-19.

Para la información más reciente y fidedigna que posea el SUSD sobre esta pandemia, sírvase visitar el sitio virtual del Distrito en www.stocktonusd.net/COVID-19.

For questions or concerns, please contact the District at (209)933-7070 or <u>covid19@stocktonusd.net</u> or our Student Services Helpline at (209) 933-7111.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, sirva comunicarse al Distrito en el teléfono (209)933-7070 o al correo electrónico <u>covid19@stocktonusd.net</u>, o a nuestra línea directa de Servicios Estudiantiles, (209) 933-7111.