



# SAN LUIS COASTAL

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 12, 2020

Dear San Luis Coastal Families and Employees:

These are challenging times. With an abundance of caution, I want to share information with you regarding the COVID-19 emerging threat to our students, staff, and community. I met with the county superintendents this morning to align our responses to this crisis. We are focused and measured in our response; however, this is a fast moving target and I will do my best to keep our organization safe and informed.

After consulting with our site leaders today, I made the following decisions:

1. All school-related gatherings, events, and activities exceeding 250 people are canceled until further notice.
2. All non-essential gatherings such as field trips, shows, dances, and assemblies are canceled until further notice.
3. All travel outside the County of San Luis Obispo by students or staff (school-related business) is canceled until further notice.
4. Currently, we are in discussions with CIF (California Interscholastic Federation), County athletic directors, and high school principals to determine how to best proceed with spring athletics. This is an ongoing discussion and I will follow-up in the next few days with more information.
5. Site principals will communicate with families and staff about site-specific information regarding cancellations and postponements of activities.

We will continue to monitor the situation daily, and closely follow the recommendations of the San Luis Obispo County Health Department led by Dr. Penny Borenstein, the Center for Disease Control, and the Governor's Office. As a district, we have reinforced our cleaning schedules to ensure all surfaces are disinfected on a daily basis. Hand washing, remaining at home if you are ill, and keeping your hands away from your face remain best practices. We will reinforce these measures with our students while at school.

I want to share the letter from [Dr. James Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools](#) as well as a communication from the [Governor's Office](#).

As we develop a better understanding of the inherent risks involved with COVID-19, I am committed to doing what's necessary to keep our students and staff safe. At this point, it is my opinion that these measures are reasonable, prudent, and sensible. As circumstances change, we will adapt accordingly as a school district. You can expect regular and ongoing communications from my office as this is a rapidly changing environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Prater".

Dr. Eric Prater, Superintendent  
San Luis Coastal Unified School District