

To: UL Staff, Families, Guardians & Community

From: Dr. Giovanni H. Annous
Superintendent, ULUSD

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Date: April 3, 2020 - Memo #5

Based upon the recommendations of State Superintendent of Schools, Tony Thurmond, Governor Gavin Newsom, and the Lake County Office of Education in consultation with Lake County Public Health Officer, Dr. Gary Pace, Upper Lake Unified School District, along with all Lake County Districts, has determined that we must extend our student dismissal and continue distance learning through the rest of the school year. Therefore, ULUSD will be dismissed through May 29, 2020.

We will continue to deliver distance-based instruction through the end of the school year unless the situation improves and warrants a safe return to the classroom as determined by Dr. Gary Pace, Public Health Officer. The safety and wellness of our students, school personnel, and the community continue to be our priority.

We will continue to support our students and provide families with distance learning opportunities. Your school site will follow up with more information. The District is exploring options to address end-of-year events, including ways to celebrate our seniors within the public health guidelines.

Please continue to practice prevention and hygiene steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. Remember, hand sanitizer does not replace the washing of hands.
- Adhere to the social distancing guidelines. At least six feet away from each other.
- Stop shaking hands with others to reduce the spread of germs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- If you are sick for any reason, stay home. Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen.
- Symptoms to watch for include a fever over 100 degrees; a respiratory illness such as cough or difficulty breathing.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Your children, our community, and staff are always foremost in our minds as we tackle this challenging, ever-changing situation. Enjoy your Spring Break, April 6-10, and please direct any questions to your school offices when they reopen on April 13 from 9-12. Meal delivery will continue over the Spring Break.

Best regards,

Giovanni H. Annous, Ed.D.