



# Santee School District

## SCHOOLS

Cajon Park  
Carlton Hills  
Carlton Oaks  
Chet F. Harritt STEAM  
Hill Creek  
Pepper Drive  
PRIDE Academy  
at Prospect Avenue  
Rio Seco  
Sycamore Canyon  
Alternative  
Success Program

To: All Santee School District Employees  
From: Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent  
Subject: **Update - School Closures**

Date: March 18, 2020

I know our school closures have been putting an emotional toll on all of you. Today, I woke up angry and frustrated but then I tried to put everything into perspective. I do believe this will all pass over in the next couple of weeks and we will come out the other end of this situation a stronger school district community. Please lean on each other and lean on your management team for support. We are here for you.

**As we continue to receive updates, almost hourly, daily communication with you is key.** While we may not have all the answers due to unknowns at the County and State level, we will continue to communicate what we know locally or and will admit what we don't know.

**If you work on a school campus, today will be your last day to access the school campus. In addition to our school closures, district office is closed to the public as of today.** All site custodial staff was asked to clean any areas occupied by students and staff the past two days. They will be leaving campus after today as well. I need to feel confident in who is coming in and out of our campuses during closure so please don't go to your school site after today.

To prevent vandalism at our sites, which often occurs when we are gone for a longer period of time, we have hired two, nighttime security officers to tour our schools. My administrative team will also be touring our schools daily to check on the school facilities.

If you have **district-level questions**, you can access **district staff** through a variety of venues. I know you may not have all our district direct phone lines memorized.

1. You can email me back and I will be happy to answer your emails or send the question to the appropriate party.
2. You can email [info@santeesd.net](mailto:info@santeesd.net) and we will forward your question to the appropriate person.
3. You can call our main line at x2300. The call will likely go to voice mail but we are picking up the voice mails every day.

Child Nutrition Services staff all receive gold stars (or is it platinum now?! Between Monday and Tuesday, they served 1,200 breakfasts and lunches! Today, even with the rain, they are planning for 800 breakfasts and lunches. Our families have been so appreciative and we so appreciate our child nutrition staff!

If you work with children, I know they would love to hear from you. I suspect many of you have communicated with your students on multiple occasions already. Please keep providing this communication, even if it's a short check-in sent to all families. Just as we want to check in with you daily, they will need it even more.

**Please continue to check your email for daily updates.** Stay healthy, everyone!

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