Santee School District

To:	All Santee School District Employees	Date:	March 20, 2020
From:	Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent		
Subject:	**Update - School Closures**		

Well, we made it through a week of closure. It feels like it has been a day and at the same time it feels like it's been a month since we've been in session. Such a strange feeling.

Thank you, again, to all our district operations staff who have worked through many, many issues this week: technology services, business office, Out-of-School Time Programs, child nutrition, maintenance and operations, our curriculum department, and the list goes on! Our management team has been amazing through all the hills and valleys this week and have demonstrated their ability to roll where the world takes us right now.

What you probably don't realize is how amazingly supportive our Board of Education has been. I have been on numerous calls this week with Board members as we navigate what is best of our community. They have their own work and family needs to contend with and they have helped us tremendously with ours.

I've seen some of your posts and encouragements to our students. I can't tell you how much I appreciate this. As I shared yesterday, they need us, more than we likely know. Please keep up those communications!

Lastly, I included in my email today a letter from Dustin Burns and myself. This update was sent to our families through our school messenger systems at each school site. I saw Chula Vista sent out an update today about their timeline for re-opening. Their letter stated that their schools "are closed until further notice". I don't plan on sending such a letter but will update you and our community if we won't be able to open on April 13 as currently planned. I am very hopeful that our community will remain healthy and we will be able to re-open as planned.