



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**

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Emergency Care for First Responders and Health Care Workers

I'm proud to share that Santee School District is the first in the County to facilitate child care for first responders and health care workers on our school sites. Our Out-of-School-Time program staff, led by Pam Brasher, worked on this plan for about a week and started providing care to students in Santee on Monday. We have 16 students participating at Carlton Oaks and Hill Creek Schools. Pam Brasher spoke with County personnel this past weekend to share our implementation plan as well as the issues other districts may face in creating safe conditions for children and staff. The Board of Education and I are very proud of this effort and know we'll continue to be a model for other districts to follow.

Governor Newsom and State Superintendent of Instruction Thurmond's Press Conference Today

At Noon today, the Governor and State Superintendent of Instruction shared our continued need to support social distancing and stay at home guidance for the safety of all Californians. They both stated that schools may be closed for the remainder of the year and that we need to increase our efforts to reach our children through online, distance learning.

Until we receive a written directive from the Governor's office that states we need to be closed through the end of the school year, **we are going to maintain our "hope" mantra: we hope we can return to our school sites before the school year ends.** Nothing in the press conference delivered today changes the communication we provided to our families yesterday.

Child Nutrition Services

After today's food service by our nutrition department, Child Nutrition Services has served 12,000 meals.

Also, just so you all know and can reiterate if asked, Child Nutrition Services provides breakfast and lunch on **Monday – Fridays** only. We heard a little rumor today in the food line that we were serving on the weekends too. That is not true.

Hope you are all well!

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