



SMFCSD School Board Approves Transition to Distance Learning at Their Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2020

Hello Everyone,

As you know, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) virus has created a rapidly changing situation for all of us. Our country is no longer in containment, but has moved to mitigation. That means organizations, including schools, are moving quickly to extend social distancing practices to help stop the community spread of the virus.

To that end, at tonight's Board meeting, our Board of Trustees approved the transition of all of our schools to distance learning beginning on Monday, March 16.

Distance learning means that students do not physically attend school, but receive and complete lessons at home.

- Students will be home on Friday, March 13 for the previously planned professional development day.
- Students will remain at home March 16 - April 3.
- Distance learning will begin on Thursday, March 19.
- Spring break will then follow from April 6 - April 17.

Next week, families will receive more details as to how their child(ren) will participate. We recognize that our families have different levels of access to the internet. Preparations for distance learning will take this into consideration. While distance learning is new to us, our teachers are committed to our students. We thank you in advance for your patience as we implement new processes and tools.

A few important points for you to know immediately:

- Annex and the 12-month Turnbull Preschool Program will remain open on Friday, March 13, for students who were previously enrolled. However, before- and after-school care on our sites will be cancelled beginning Monday.



- Child nutrition will continue to provide a “grab and go” meal from Monday, March 16 through Friday, April 3, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at four school sites: College Park Elementary School, Laurel Elementary School, Lead Elementary School and Foster City Elementary School.
- Plans for serving students with IEPs will be communicated directly to those families through case managers and IEP team members.
- Student support meetings such as an IEP, SST or 504 meetings will continue through teleconferencing.
- All clubs, sports or other after-school activities are cancelled effective Monday, March 16.
- School site offices and the District office will be open during these weeks to respond to questions and facilitate material distribution.
- School Board meetings will continue with seats separated by greater distance.

We hope that health conditions in the Bay Area improve such that we will be able to return to school after spring break. However, we will continue to reassess and determine the appropriate course of action for our District. We will continue to communicate with you frequently to keep you up-to-date.

We recognize that the impacts of this decision will be felt in different ways by everyone across the District, and we have not taken these steps lightly. Again, we thank you for your support through this challenging time. If you have questions, please call Suzi Riley at 312-7248 or check [our webpage](#) for the latest information.

Sincerely,
Joan Rosas, Ed.D.
Superintendent