March 13, 2020

Dear East Side Community,

Today at 11:30 am, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the Santa Clara County Office of Education held a press conference announcing the new guidelines for congregations and gatherings to be kept between 35 and 100 people. These new guidelines are to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

With this announcement, all school districts within the County of Santa Clara have been authorized to close their schools from March 16 to April 3 in order to allow school districts to plan and prepare to meet these new gathering and/or congregation size restrictions for when our schools reopen to best meet the needs of all of our students.

East Side Union High School District schools will be closed from March 16 through April 3. However, our school will have staff available to support families that need questions answered with office hours from 8 am to 3 pm. We will also be providing any student one meal a day from the hours of 12 pm – 1 pm with a bag lunch that students may pick up at designated school locations, which will be communicated via the schools’ websites. Additionally, the District Office will remain open from 8 am to 4 pm.

All districtwide community meetings and/or conferences have been postponed or cancelled during this period of time, including any outside groups renting our facilities. In addition, all athletic competitions, practices, open gyms, and conditioning have been suspended during this closure.

Spring Break will be rescheduled from the week of April 13 to the week of April 6 effectively keeping our schools closed through April 10. At this point, we expect all schools and classes to reopen on April 13, 2020.

During this time of closure, there will be no new assignments issued for any courses. There will be no negative impact to students’ grades. Additionally, the 5th grading period will now close on April 17.

We will keep our community informed of any new updates. Please check the District’s website esuhsd.org for the latest up-to-date information.

Please continue with the common sense hygiene approaches and self-quarantine should you or a family member be ill or exposed as per direction by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

Your health and safety is our number one priority. Together, we can help to make an impact to minimize the exposure of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Funk
Superintendent

cc: ESUHSD Board of Trustees