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Message to El Dorado County

The El Dorado County Office of Education in concurrence with the El Dorado County Public Health Officer and the superintendents of our 15 school districts are providing the communities of El Dorado County with an important update on school facility closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yesterday, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, released information that stated, “Due to the current safety concerns and needs for ongoing social distancing it currently appears that our students will not be able to return to school campuses before the end of the school year. This is in no way to suggest that school is over for the year, but rather we should put all efforts into strengthening our delivery of education through distance learning.” Superintendent Thurmond urged all school districts in California to move towards and/or continue to strengthen distance learning programs and opportunities for students at this time. Today, Governor Gavin Newsom said that families and educators should operate “with the expectation now that schools will not reopen” for the remainder of the year.

With this new information, we are taking a safety-first approach and immediate action to extend the school facility closures through the end of the school year. We ask for patience and understanding as we are all quickly transitioning into a new way of teaching and learning to meet the health and safety impacts of COVID-19.

While we recognize this extension of school facility closures poses challenges and hardship to many families in El Dorado County, the most effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of this pandemic is by continuing to implement social distancing practices. We are grateful to community members throughout El Dorado County for their tremendous prevention efforts during this unique and challenging time.

For the latest updates, visit:

- El Dorado County COVID website: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19.aspx>
- El Dorado County Office of Education website: <http://edcoe.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information>

Sincerely,

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Dr. David Roth, Superintendent, Buckeye Union School District
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Dr. Ron Carruth, Superintendent, El Dorado Union High School District
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Mensaje al Condado de El Dorado

La Oficina de Educación del Condado de El Dorado junto con el oficial de Salud Pública del Condado de El Dorado y los superintendentes de los 15 distritos escolares están proporcionando a las comunidades del condado de El Dorado una actualización importante sobre los cierres escolares relacionado con la pandemia de COVID-19.

Ayer, El Superintendente Estatal de Instrucción pública, Tony Thurmond, compartió información que declaró, "Debido a las preocupaciones actuales y recomendaciones para distanciamiento social, parece que nuestros estudiantes no van a poder regresar a los campus escolares antes del fin del año escolar. De ninguna manera esto sugiere que la escuela haya terminado para el año, sino que tenemos que dedicar nuestros esfuerzos a fortalecer nuestra entrega de Educación a un modelo del aprendizaje a distancia. El Superintendente Thurmond animó a todos los distritos escolares de California a avanzar o continuar fortaleciendo los programas de educación a distancia y oportunidades para estudiantes en este momento. Hoy, El Gobernador Gavin Newsom dijo que familias y los educadores deberían operar con la expectativa de que las escuelas no volverán a abrir durante el resto del año escolar.

Con esta nueva información, estamos adoptando un enfoque centrado principalmente en la seguridad y acción inmediata para extender los cierres escolares hasta el fin del año escolar. Pedimos paciencia y comprensión mientras que hacemos una transición rápida a una nueva forma de enseñar y aprender a enfrentar los impactos de salud y seguridad de COVID-19.

Mientras que reconocemos que esta extensión del cierre de escuelas crea retos y dificultades a muchas familias en el Condado de El Dorado, la forma más efectiva de frenar e interrumpir la transmisión de esta pandemia es continuar implementando prácticas de distanciamiento social. Agradecemos a los miembros de la comunidad por sus tremendos esfuerzos de prevención durante este momento único y desafiante.

Para las actualizaciones, visite:

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