Message from Superintendent Nelson

March 14, 2020

As you are aware, Fresno Unified has made the extremely difficult decision to close all schools for students beginning Monday, March 16 through April 13. We realize the significant impact of this decision on our families and our community, however, out of an abundance of caution we believe this to be the best course of action to help reduce the impact of any potential spread of the virus.

Our leadership is working diligently to provide updates to our families, staff and community and we thank you for your patience. With that in mind, please see updates below:

**Meals for Students**
- Monday (3/16/20) and Tuesday (3/17/20) breakfast and lunch will be provided at all school sites at their regularly scheduled times
- Starting Wednesday (3/18/20) we anticipate a more streamlined meal distribution system and we will communicate that in the following days
- Meals will be available on a grab-and-go basis
- Students can get a meal from any Fresno Unified school; they do not need to go to their school of enrollment

**Student Medication**
On Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 during regularly scheduled school hours, all families will also be able to retrieve their student’s medication(s) stored at the school site.

**Educational Resources**
We know the importance of the loss that instructional time has on our students’ learning. We are working on optional educational resources to serve students during this unprecedented time. We will have further information in the coming days.

Outside of accessing meals and medication, school offices and the district office will be closed to the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19. However, for all questions please contact the Fresno Unified COVID-19 Call Center at (559) 457-3395 during normal business hours.

During this time of school closures, we also want to remind students and families to continue to employ health and safety measures such as handwashing and social distancing. This school closure is put in place to help mitigate the spread of this virus and if our students and families congregate in groups this can counteract these social distancing measures.

For updates, please continue to visit [fresnounified.org](http://fresnounified.org).