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Dear El Rancho Families,

I hope you are all doing well during these challenging times. Student, staff and family safety is our number one priority. Be advised that State health officials have made it clear that the safest place to be is home during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, ***our campuses will remain physically closed for the remainder of the school year.*** Our decision aligns with the recommendation from Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Debra Duardo, as she has stated, “that schools remain physically closed for the rest of the academic year.”

Importantly, while campuses are physically closed, school is still in session and instruction will continue until the end of the school year. We recognize that this decision comes with many challenges, like online learning. Online learning is a new experience for all of us. The California Department of Education, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the El Rancho Unified School District’s leadership team has worked daily to identify solutions to support this new online learning environment. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our Teachers, Administrators, the El Rancho staff and our students who are demonstrating amazing creativity and out-of-the box thinking to strengthen remote learning.

In addition, El Rancho Unified is working diligently to identify external sources of funding and partnerships to provide WIFI/Internet connectivity and other materials that families need to support student learning. Distance learning is our new environment and our new reality. We must be patient as we adjust to this new learning experience. However, I feel confident that each day the distance learning experience is improving, and we can build on our existing expertise and harness the power of partnerships and collaboration to ensure our young people continue to learn and grow.

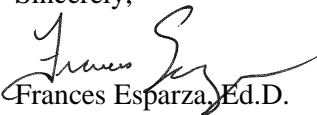
As part of its efforts, El Rancho continues to work on providing educational services via online as well as food services found at our three middle schools (STEAM, Rivera Middle School and North Park Academy of the Arts) on Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Remember, it is important for your child to connect with his/her teachers and classmates daily. We need to keep our lines of communication and collaboration open. We know this situation can be stressful.

El Rancho prides itself in creating the best opportunities for our students and families. Thank you for your support during this crisis and know that my messages will continue to be more frequent to ensure that all families know the latest information on school community topics. I also want to thank all of the caregivers at home for your support. Parents, guardians, grandparents, brothers and sisters, who are coming together to support our students during this crisis. As we move forward, we will be using this same creativity to identify virtual ways to celebrate and engage in our spring traditions, promotions and graduation.

As your Superintendent, I am proud of how the El Rancho community has come together and found creative solutions to an unprecedented challenge. I feel confident that working together we will rise to the challenge.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

  
Frances Esparza, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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2 de abril de 2020

Estimados Padres/ Tutores,

Espero que todos estén bien durante estos tiempos difíciles. Nuestra primera prioridad es la seguridad de los estudiantes, el personal del distrito y seguramente las familias de Pico Rivera. Los funcionarios de salud estatales nos han informado que es más seguro que estudiantes estén en su hogar durante la pandemia de COVID-19. Con eso en mente, nuestras escuelas permanecerán cerrados físicamente por el resto del año escolar. Nuestra decisión esta alineada con la recomendación del Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado de Los Ángeles.

Quiero que sepan que aunque las escuelas estén cerradas hasta finales del año escolar, las clases todavía están en sesión y la instrucción continuará. También deberían saber El aprendizaje a distancia es nuestra nueva realidad. Debemos ser pacientes mientras nos adaptamos a esta experiencia nueva de aprendizaje. Sabemos que el aprendizaje de distancia que es por la computadora es una experiencia nueva para muchos. Pero nuestros equipos de liderazgo del El Rancho trabajan cada día para identificar soluciones para apoyar esta nueva clase de aprendizaje.

Además, El Rancho está trabajando para identificar fuentes externas de financiamiento y asociaciones para proporcionar conectividad de wifi y otros materiales que las familias necesitan para apoyar el aprendizaje nuestros estudiantes. Sin embargo, estoy segura de que cada día la experiencia de aprendizaje a distancia se está mejorando. Su colaboración para nos garantizar que nuestros jóvenes continúen aprendiendo y creciendo. Recuerde, es importante que su hijo(a) se conecte diariamente con sus maestros y compañeros de clase. Necesitamos mantener abiertas nuestras líneas de comunicación y colaboración. Sabemos que esta situación puede ser estresante.

Como parte de sus esfuerzos, El Rancho continúa trabajando para dar servicios educativos a través de Internet, así como servicios de alimentos que se encuentran en nuestras 3 escuelas secundarias (STEAM, Rivera Escuela Intermedia, y North Park) de lunes a viernes de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Les quiero dar las gracias por su apoyo durante esta crisis y quiero que sepan que mis mensajes continuarán siendo más frecuentes para garantizar que todas las familias conozcan la información más reciente sobre temas de la comunidad escolar.

Estoy orgullosa de cómo nuestra comunidad se ha unido y ha encontrado soluciones creativas para seguir adelante.

Gracias por su tiempo y su apoyo.

Atentamente,

Frances Esparza, Ed.D.  
Superintendente

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