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Dear San Marcos Unified School District Community,

Since the emergence of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we have partnered with the San Diego County Office of Education and followed the guidance of the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services in order to ensure the safety and security of our students, staff and community. Based on current information, there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in our district.

After careful deliberation and with the support of local public health officials, we decided to **close our District schools effective March 16th through April 10th.** This includes the cancelation of all district events and activities on our campuses. We anticipate re-opening our schools on Monday, April 13th.

We know that schools provide many essential programs to our immediate community and understand that closing schools will cause challenges for many families. We thank our Child Nutrition Services Department who will be able to prepare and provide nutritious meals at all of our schools on a "grab & go" style on a daily basis. Meals may be picked up at each school from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Beginning Monday, families and students are encouraged to access our *Student Learning Activities* tab located on our website. There, you will find resources to engage your children during the school closures. You will also find a *School Closure Q&A* section about the impact on student grades, SAT testing, among others.

We plan to send separate communication to district employees addressing our immediate next steps.

We will continue to monitor this very fluid public health situation and plan to provide updates during the course of our school district's closure. In addition to district-initiated communication, please refer to our website (www.smusd.org) and social media accounts for updated information.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen García
Superintendent

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