

March 16, 2020

Dear SMUSD Community,

Thank you for your patience, support and cooperation as our school district continues to monitor and navigate the very fluid national public health situation with COVID-19 and its impact on our immediate community. As a SMUSD family, we will continue to lean on and support each other through these unprecedented times.

During our temporary school closures (March 16th through April 10th), families can immediately access our Student Learning Activities tab located on our [District website](#). You will find a plethora of resources to engage your children. In addition, subject specific and grade level (daily/weekly) activities will be available beginning Monday, March 23rd. The intent of these activities and the resources available on our [Student Learning Activities](#) tab is to provide students the opportunity to practice, enrich, apply and maintain skills learned to date.

We understand that not all families in our district have equal access to technology, the Internet, academic support, and other key materials. Therefore, our teachers will not be grading these assignments or assigning required work for students to complete during the time the schools are closed.

To support students without access to devices, we are providing families an opportunity to checkout a Chromebook beginning Wednesday, March 18th through Friday, March 20th at several school sites. Priority will be given to families with financial need. In addition, Cox and Spectrum have made their WiFi hotspots available at no cost for members in our community.

Chromebook checkout will be available at the following locations between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.: Joli Ann Elementary, La Mirada Academy, San Marcos Elementary, Twin Oaks Elementary, San Elijo Middle School, San Marcos Middle School, Mission Hills High School, and San Marcos High School. In addition, the San Marcos Unified District Office will provide device checkout between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information on the Chromebook checkout and WiFi availability.

We are providing “grab & go” breakfast & lunch combo meals from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at all of our schools. Anyone 18 years and younger is welcome to grab a meal. Additional information can be found here: [Grab & Go flyer](#)

For your convenience, our Social Workers have also compiled a list of [additional community resources](#). These include information on meals, physical & mental health, and housing options, among others.

We know families will have questions as our situation continues to evolve. In anticipation of this, we have created a [Parent Q&A](#) tab on our website that will continuously be updated as questions are submitted via the Google form located on the Parent Q&A tab.

As our nation continues to navigate this ever-changing situation, we encourage you to continue to

observe all recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

In addition to district-initiated communication, please continue to refer to our website and social media accounts for updates.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this unpredictable time. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carmen García