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Dear Berryessa Community:

As news continues to develop around the COVID-19 situation, it is important that you know that throughout this process, we have been in constant communication with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and Santa Clara County Office of Education to share our concerns and discuss their directives for protecting our students, families, staff and community. We have had many meetings, alongside superintendents throughout our county. As this situation continues to evolve, we have had daily calls to discuss the latest developments with COVID-19.

As of this afternoon, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has issued some new guidelines for school districts that I would like to share with you:

- In adherence to these directives, effective immediately, we will no longer allow outside visitors and volunteers onto our campuses during the instructional day.
- Additionally, all middle school sporting events have been cancelled by the East Side Athletic league lead.

- Walden West Science Camps are also cancelled.

Here is a brief recap of other measures that we have already implemented:

- Many large events and field trip excursions have been cancelled. Most, if not all, will be cancelled at this point given Governor Newsom's statewide ban on large gatherings of 250 or more.
- Hand washing and social distancing are of utmost importance at this time.
- We are working closely with our custodial staff to enhance cleaning procedures in the evenings and during weekend rotations.
- We are also implementing fog disinfectant cleaning procedures in large common areas.
- We are encouraging anyone that is ill to stay home, and we are not requiring a doctor's note at this time.
- We have asked individuals with any health conditions that could place them at higher risk to contact their health provider for guidance, and to let us know if they require special accommodations.

Despite these measures, we understand that many parents may still have concerns. For that reason, **if you choose to keep your student home, that is your discretion. Although absences will be marked unexcused, we will not be counting them towards truancy or disenrollment at this time.** We hope that this provides you with more flexibility to decide what is best for your family.

In conclusion, we know that these are difficult times for our community. In the news today, we have learned about many more entities that are closing their doors and we do not take this information lightly. We will continue working directly with the Santa Clara County Health Department, the lead agency navigating us through this situation, and will update you about new directives impacting our schools as soon as information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Respectfully,

Dr. Roxane Fuentes
Superintendent

Please find additional information and resources here.

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會有人與您聯繫,為您翻譯資料上的重要內容

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