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Dear Berryessa community,

We would like to provide you with an update on the Coronavirus issue, now being referred to as COVID-19.

Please know that it is our top priority as a school district to keep our students and staff healthy and safe. We are working very closely with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the Santa Clara County Office of Education to stay on top of this issue which is constantly evolving. On March 2, 2020, a county-wide meeting was held for superintendents to provide the latest information regarding the Coronavirus.

At this time, the general guidance that is being received is focused on better hygiene to prevent the spreading of disease. Additionally, individuals who are ill should stay at home. *Currently, we will not require a doctor's note if you need to stay home due to illness.*

Please note that at this time the Santa Clara County Public Health Department has not directed any school sites in our county to be closed. This determination would be made at the direction of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. All schools in California are required to have Emergency Safety Plans that address emergency situations (including pandemic flu) and articulate protocols and roles of staff. Our District leadership team is diligently preparing for any emergencies that may occur in the future.

From a school district operations perspective, we are taking several measures to address the current situation:

- Our facilities team is making sure we have sufficient supplies of anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.
- We are also implementing fog disinfectant cleaning procedures in large common areas.
- We are working closely with our custodial staff to enhance cleaning procedures and are providing on-going training to help improve awareness.
- Additionally, we are working to educate our students about proper hygiene and how to prevent the spreading of disease. Please reinforce the importance of handwashing and hygiene at home.
- Given the growth of the virus, any families traveling internationally, please contact the District Office for clarification regarding their return to school. We will work with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department for guidance.

We would like you to know that we understand your concerns and that you have our commitment to make the best decisions we can to keep our students, families and staff safe. As

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this situation evolves, we will update you on any changes in school polices or operations immediately.

**Here is a link to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department for the latest information:**  
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

**Our District has created an information page on our website with all of the most important links and resources for your reference. Please note that translated materials will be available there soon.**

<https://www.berryessa.k12.ca.us/PARENTS/Resources/Coronavirus-Information/index.html>

Thank you for your collaboration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxane Fuentes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "R" and "F".

Dr. Roxane Fuentes

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