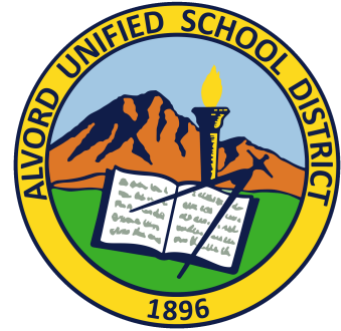


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AUSD Response to Governor Gavin Newsom Message on School Closure & the Riverside County Office of Public Health Order to Close Schools Through June 19, 2020.

In the interest of ensuring the safety of students and staff, the AUSD Board of Education took decisive action on March 13, 2020 to close schools until April 3, 2020. Distance Learning planning, including professional development, and meal service were among the areas of focus during the closure. The Distance Learning Plan began March 16, 2020.

Now, given the Order from State and County official to close all school houses until further houses, AUSD will deliver its Distance Learning Plan for the remainder of the school year, which ends on May 28. Read the [Superintendent's Message](#) to the community regarding the decision. We will continue to virtually meet with and gather input and feedback from, students, parents, teachers, principals, staff, and community leaders to deliver services as well as plan for graduations, promotions and end of year celebrations.

Beginning April 6, 2020, when Alvord students and staff return from Spring Break, all students will be provided with support and resources to participate in learning from a distance, either on-line or by use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback. AUSD is following the guidance from the California Department of Education for Distance Learning best practices, including interacting through the use of computer and communications technology, as well as delivering instruction and check-in time with their teacher. Distance learning may include video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and instructor is on-line interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology.

Beginning April 13, 2020, all instructional staff will have an on-line presence and strive to virtually connect with their students as much as is feasible, and every day, whenever possible. In addition to instruction, support services will also be provided virtually through teleconferencing or other virtual environments. Support services include, but are not limited to, resources and instructional strategies that give students the social, emotional, and intellectual support needed to learn under these conditions, nutrition services to continue to administer food distribution, and resources to serve the unique needs of individuals with disabilities.

These are challenges times. And we need to come together as a community to overcome the challenges that we face, so many of them uncertain and anxiety-producing. The next couple of

months will be a work-in-progress as we will adapt to the changes and modify accordingly. We are asking our school community to work with us and support us as we figure this out, together.

As Theodore Roosevelt is famously quoted as saying: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

ABOUT US: [Alvord Unified School District](#) serves the westernmost portion of the city of Riverside, as well as parts of the city of Corona and an unincorporated area of Riverside County. We serve about 18,500 students in fourteen K-5 elementary schools, four 6-8 middle schools, three comprehensive 9-12 high schools, and two alternative education centers.

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