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Dear NSD Families,

The health and wellbeing of staff and students are always our top priority.

I do recognize that these past few weeks have been emotionally draining and very scary for on our entire community. As I mentioned in all of my prior communication, since the start of this public health crisis, the Newhall School District has been in close contact with the LA County Office of Education and the Public Health Department. These institutions have provided critical guidance for how schools should respond to the virus to protect the health of our communities. I have also been working in collaboration with our local school districts to ensure continuity in on our supports to families and determine next steps. Per the notification that went out this morning at 11:55 am, the Newhall School District is closing all schools starting Monday, March 16th until Monday April 13, 2020. We fully understand the challenges resulting from the cancellation of school, however, the District feels that it is necessary to take these precautionary steps.

As a support to you and your children, we have partnered with our amazing teachers throughout the District to ensure your children will be provided continuous learning opportunities throughout this extended school closure. Grade level teams worked collaboratively this afternoon to create instructional tasks for students to engage on independently while at home. Each school site will post these resources on their school webpage for you to access. For families who do not have internet access, or access to the school Home Connect program, each grade level team will provide learning opportunities in reading, writing, and math that can parents can download at work or pick up at your child's school site on Monday or Tuesday of next week during the school's regular operating hours.

We recognize that parent conferences were going to occur during this time, we apologize for this inconvenience. Our plan will be to send report cards out to families shortly after we return. Stay tuned for more information from your school site.

Newhall School District is currently working with the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Services Agency to provide lunch to our students who receive free or reduced meals. Our goal is to have services up and running by March 23rd at McGrath, Newhall, Peachland, and Wiley Canyon Elementary. The tentative timeslots for lunch will be 12:00-1:00. More information will be communicated to families early next week.

Again, we thank you for your patience throughout this entire situation. We value our partnership with each of our families. Please stay safe over the next several weeks.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pelzel, Superintendent of Schools