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Dear NSD Families,

I hope this communication finds you and your family safe and staying dry. I wanted to cover a few updates since my last communication Friday evening.

Continuous Learning Opportunities

Last Friday afternoon, our teachers went above-and-beyond the call to create continuous learning opportunities for all students across the District during this extended school closure. Students receiving specialized academic instruction (SAI) through the Resource Specialist Program (RSP) or mild/moderate Special Day Class (SDC), please be advised that the continuous learning opportunities posted on school websites were generated in collaboration with special education and general education teachers.

Student resources are on the main page of each school website. Additional resources can be found on the District's webpage at www.newhallschooldistrict.com. We encourage families to explore what other teacher teams put in place for their students as well on each school's website.

If you are not able to access these resources on-line, they can be picked up at your school site tomorrow (3.17.20) between 8:00-4:00. I would like to share with you that Spectrum (1.844.488.8398) is offering free internet access for the next 60-days, but please read the fine print of the agreement or you will automatically be charged if you do not cancel the agreement before the 60 days is up.

Parent Conferences

Our regularly scheduled parent conferences originally scheduled for the end of the month have been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. We will be working to get out student report cards within two weeks of our return, but please be patient as we work through these processes upon our return.

School Lunch Program

As I mentioned in my last communication, we have been working in partnership with the Santa Clarita Valley Food Services Agency to get a free lunch program up and running. I am happy to report that beginning this Wednesday (3.18) through Friday (3.20) any student 18 or under can access a free lunch between 12:00-2:00 at the Agency (25210 Anza Drive, Santa Clarita, 91355). Beginning March 23rd through April 1st, Newhall School District will have four host sites as well, McGrath, Newhall, Peachland and Wiley Canyon where students can get lunch between 12:00-1:00. Additionally, Rancho Pico JHS, La Mesa JHS, Arroyo Seco JHS, and Rio Norte JHS will provide a free lunch between 12:00-1:00. We encourage our families to take advantage of this opportunity, as it is open to **ALL** students!

District Office

The Newhall School District Office will be closed to the public starting Tuesday March 17th. Each day we will have phone coverage from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. to answer any of your questions or route them to the appropriate department. We will work to get a response back to you within 24 hours. The District Office will reopen April 2nd with regular hours 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Please stay safe, wash hands, and continue to practice social distancing to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. I will plan to provide an update each Monday to you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pelzel, Superintendent of Schools