



GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Glendale Unified Students, Staff, Families, and Community:

I want to thank each and every one of you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate the unique and evolving COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation. Our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and staff.

Last night, Governor Gavin Newsom and California public health officials issued an updated policy on gatherings to protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19. The directive is as follows:

The state's public health experts have determined that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person.

We have already begun implementing social distancing measures across Glendale Unified School District. All open house events this week have been postponed and we will be live streaming our Scholastic Bowl event this evening in lieu of having a live audience.

Following spring break and extending through mid-April, Glendale Unified is postponing all events and activities that bring large groups of students, adults, and community members together, including open houses, assemblies, and field trips. Alternate approaches to these events, which limit close contact, may include conducting assemblies via intercom announcements or conducting events online. Specific details about district events will follow in the coming weeks. Principals will provide their communities with information about events at our schools. We will reassess the situation in the coming weeks and determine if additional postponements or cancelations will be required.

Thank you once again for your patience and flexibility as we navigate this rapidly changing situation. We are committed to ensuring the health and safety of our entire Glendale Unified community. We will continue to adjust our practices based on information and recommendations from state and local health and education authorities and provide you with frequent updates in the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Ekchian".

Vivian Ekchian, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools