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Dear Bayshore Parents, Guardians and Community members,

I hope that you are enjoying spring break. Hopefully you have been able to take this week to focus on you and not think about school. It is a well-deserved break.

Over the past weeks, the Bayshore Elementary School District has responded to this current crisis with the advice and assistance of our County Health Officer, Dr. Scott Morrow and our County Superintendent, Nancy Magee. It was with their direction that we extend our School Dismissal and At-Home Learning Program through May 1st.

This afternoon, April 7, 2020, our county Superintendent along with County Superintendents and Health officers of 5 other bay area counties announced that **schools will stay on School Dismissal and our At-Home Learning Program through the end of the school year.** The press release is attached to this letter. The decision to extend our At-Home Learning Program through June 5th is based on data and expertise from our County Health Officer.

San Mateo County Superintendent Nancy Magee, in collaboration with local district superintendents, has confirmed that **local public schools will remain open to provide distance learning, distribution of school meals, and other services as needed and feasible.** While we are now preparing for at-home learning to continue through the end of the school year, we will also continue to provide other essential services per our previous communications.

As a reminder, this update includes the following information:

- School and district hours beginning April 13th: Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Meal Distribution: Beginning April 13th, meal distribution will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Technology Check-out: Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We realize these circumstances can be stressful and unsettling. It is our goal to continue to serve our school community and to keep our students engaged through the at-home learning process. Through our collective support of one another, we will continue to navigate through these challenging times, and will be stronger as a result.

I recognize that the announcement to end in-school instruction through the end of the school year brings with it many emotions and disappointment. The end of the year will not be the same without the rituals, celebrations, field trips and other events that make this a special time. Please be assured that we will work together to identify ways to acknowledge this time of year, especially for our 8th graders culminating their time at The Bayshore School.

Help us remind our community that it is our responsibility to keep each other safe from the spread of this virus and obeying these guidelines get us closer to safety:

- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet away from any other person.
- Cover their mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Stay away if they have a fever or severe cough.
- Regularly wash hands with soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering to comply with [“New Bay Area Public Health Recommendation to Cover the Face”](#).

Together we can slow and maybe stop this spread but we each need to do our part and encourage one another to do the same.

Sincerely,

Audra Pittman, Ph.D.

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Mrs. Maya Baker, Principal