



April 17, 2020

Dear Westminster School District Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the last trimester of the school year! I hope you had a nice Spring Break. On Tuesday, April 21st, remote learning for all students will begin again. As we continue to live through these unprecedented times, COVID-19 has impacted numerous aspects of our daily lives from education to employment to social relationships. Particularly during these times, we see the courage and love of the first responders, and in our district, our nutrition services workers, teachers, staff and parents who are serving our community. We are all in this together and I sincerely appreciate your patience, understanding, kindness and support.

At this time, according to Governor Newsom, we are hearing that the Stay-Home order, social distancing and keeping good hygiene has been helping flatten the curve of those infected with COVID-19. He also discussed the importance of understanding what our “new normal” would look like and plans to discuss guidance for reopening the economy and schools. We will continue to watch for latest updates and share them with you.

What this means:

- Our school and district office closure will be extended until the *end of the school year, June 16, 2020 unless we receive further notice.*
- Online Distance Learning Platform has been updated and will continue to provide students, teachers and parents access to various resources. Guidance on how student learning will continue for the rest of the school year has been added and shared with principals and teachers. This is located in our district’s main website. If you have any questions about your child’s learning, please contact your school’s principal. They can be reached through email or school phone number.
- End of the year process and procedures such returning Chromebooks, next year class assignments and picking up items left in the classrooms will be provided to you in the upcoming weeks.
- End of the year special activities such as Promotion and Yearbook signing will also be provided to you in the upcoming weeks as we are considering various options to ensure safety and health of our students following our current Health Agency guidelines.
- During this third trimester, grading will look different than in the past trimester as we adhere to the California Department of Education’s guidelines: Implement grading policy with the lens of equity and access with the primary goal of first, doing no harm to students during this difficult time.
 - Third trimester grades will be given to students in June.
 - Elementary students will receive a grade of: *Participation* or *No Mark*-Unable to measure progress due to unique circumstances of COVID-19.
 - Middle School students will a grade of: *Credit* or *No Mark*-Unable to measure progress due to unique circumstances of COVID-19.

Student Meals

- Student breakfast and lunch package “grab and go” will continue to be available at the seven schools (Anderson Elementary, DeMille Elementary, Hayden Elementary, Johnson Middle School, Stacey/Clegg School, Warner Middle School, Willmore Elementary) starting April 20, 2020.

My heart goes out to every one of you as we all try to find balance in our new reality. We miss you and all the children. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cyndi Paik

Superintendent

Westminster School District