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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Communication #9

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Dear Upland Unified Students, Parents, and Staff:

In coordination with public health agencies, the Governor's office and schools across the region and state, the Upland Unified School District will extend its campus closures through the end of the current academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was an extremely difficult decision, but a necessary one to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, families and employees. Our hearts go out to all of our students and families during this challenging time. Closing our schools is not something any of us could have imagined as recently as a month ago, but the growing concerns and realities of the coronavirus outbreak require that we take this extraordinary safety measure.

Even though our physical campuses are closed, the school year continues. To ensure that students' academic progress is not disrupted, the District will continue to provide distance learning and all completed assignments and coursework during this period will be credited. Google Chromebooks have been distributed to students who need them. The District will also continue to distribute meals throughout the closure, including Spring Break. The District also has established a <a href="Family Resources">Family Resources</a> section on our website to provide information and assistance during the closures. Additionally, if your questions cannot be answered by contacting your teachers, site administration, counselors or our website, you can send questions to <a href="Ask\_Upland@upland.k12.ca.us">Ask\_Upland@upland.k12.ca.us</a>.

To our seniors, it breaks my heart to give you this news. I am so, so sorry about the disappointment you are experiencing. What I do know about the Class of 2020 is that you are resilient, you are strong, and you will get through this. Let me be clear. We <u>will</u> have a commencement ceremony and senior activities. Your student leaders are working hard to brainstorm ideas, so stay tuned. Depending on the circumstances as time passes, we will determine how creative we will need to be in celebrating those events.

To our elementary, junior high, and high school students, we will continue to find creative ways to celebrate your school events, assemblies, and other activities. Thank yo

We have missed all of you – our students, families, and staff – and we thank you again for your patience and support. Together, I assure you, we will get through this. We are UPLAND STRONG.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelly

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Every Single Student... Every Single Day