



# GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 16, 2020

Good Evening, Galt High School District Community:

As promised, we are providing regular updates to you on the high school district's response to the COVID-19 virus, otherwise known as novel corona virus. As you know, we took steps on Friday, March 13, to close all of our district schools from Monday, March 16 through Monday, April 13, which includes the previously-scheduled spring break. At this point, the plan is to reopen schools on Tuesday, April 14. Please bear in mind the transmission of COVID-19 and the issues surrounding its mitigation and prevention has events changing rapidly and daily, and things could change the length of this closure. During this time, all school facilities are closed to normal operations including all district and school-organized events until further notice. Please note that all athletics, sports practices, and club events during this closure are also cancelled. All schools in our athletic league have also cancelled games through April 13.

The free meal program for students under the age of 18 will begin tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17. Lunch and the next day's breakfast can be picked up at Galt High School in the Nottoli Gym Parking lot and Liberty Ranch High School in front of the cafeteria between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. There will be a drive up service to receive the meals. Meals will also be provided at New Hope Elementary for New Hope students and our students who live in Thornton during the same time. Meals can also be picked up by students under 18 at any school in the Galt Elementary District, also from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We are working with our teachers in the coming days to develop lessons and the capability of providing online learning throughout this school closure. We are inventorying available computer devices, and will be asking our students to respond to an online survey this week to determine how many of our students have computing devices and internet access at home, and how many will need equipment provided by the school. Please stay tuned for additional information on this, and instructions on taking the survey. We are working to make this online learning available as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience as we create this whole new way of receiving high school education in our community.

Again, thank you so much for your patience, flexibility, and understanding. We realized that this situation is very difficult for everyone, and that the situation is ever changing. We have every confidence that we can do this and get through this period of school closure. A reminder to take care of yourselves, avoid gatherings of groups of people and interpersonal contact, wash your hands frequently, and cough into a tissue or your sleeve.

William Spalding

Superintendent, Galt Joint Union High School District