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Dear Bonita Unified Parents/Guardians:

There has been wide variation in how long California schools will be closed throughout the State. As you are aware, our initial return date was April 6, which has been extended to May 5. The date of Tuesday, May 5, is a target; please know that Bonita Unified will not reopen until it is safe to do so. During this time, our focus continues to be on how we can best impact our students, staff, and communities for the better. From an instructional perspective, the best thing we can do is stay connected with our students and provide educational opportunities for a continuation of learning.

Commencing no later than the week of April 6, teachers will be in contact with your student(s) at least one time per week. This contact will look different depending on grade level, technology access, assignment(s), etc. All of Bonita Unified teachers will be assigning work to all students on a regular basis, and all students will have access to their teacher(s) until our extended school closures are lifted.

If you recently filled out a technology survey and are in need of a device, please be on the lookout for further direction regarding the distribution of the devices.

Some of our teachers will be video conferencing with your students. We have included a link to the protocols for your students, and we ask parents/guardians to review these guidelines before your student's first video conference. The guidelines can be found using the following link: [Guidelines](#)

All students are strongly encouraged to complete these assignments. Students who participate and complete assignments will be able to improve their grades during this time. There will be no penalties to grades for students who do not complete; however, participating students may receive credit, which may improve their overall grades. In the future, if the District receives further guidance on grading from the State, we will update our recommendations, if needed, after the guidance is released.

Again, please be on the lookout for further information from your principal providing details on the distance learning plan specific to your child's school.

In closing, let's be honest; this is not an ideal situation. However, under the circumstances, please know that Bonita Unified has the best teachers, classified, and management teams in the business to surround and support your student(s). Working remotely has presented many challenges, and our teachers are learning a whole new system to ensure continuity of instruction. In the weeks to come, please continue to be patient as we strive to work through these challenges together. Be assured that we will adapt moving forward and that our goal is to get better each and every week to provide your students with quality educational opportunities.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish all of you continued health and thank you for your partnership in supporting our communities and educating our 10,000 students.

Sincerely,

Carl Coles
Superintendent