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Dear Community and RSUSD Staff:

As you know, yesterday Governor Newsom announced a regional stay-at-home order in an effort to combat the surge of COVID-19 cases throughout the state for the next three weeks.

Prior to finalizing next steps for RSUSD, our leadership team met with both Sam Avina, our WKCTA president and Tammy Ware our CSEA President, seeking their guidance in finalizing next steps relative to the impact of this stay at home order as follows.

Under the Governor's order, our schools who are working with specific student groups in person will continue to do so for the next two weeks as we maintain a **predictable learning environment for kids**. All employees who are working remote will remain remote for the next two weeks. However, please know that we are currently working closely with CSEA leadership to formulate a plan to minimize contact for employees not participating in classroom instruction. We will update you with any modifications to non-instructional employees by Tuesday of next week.

As you know, our district has been working tirelessly to develop and implement re-opening plans that will allow us the opportunity to eventually bring students back to our classrooms. Given the current circumstances and the Governor's evolving guidelines, the District continues working to provide you with as much certainty as possible. However, as clearly demonstrated by the evolving facts of this pandemic, our plans will be contingent on the direction provided by state and local health officials to provide the utmost safety to our students and staff.

There is no denying that COVID-19 has altered our way of life. As difficult as this crisis has been, we must come together as a community to do everything in our power to protect the health and well-being of our community.

To date, many families throughout the world have lost loved ones. Although these restrictions may feel burdensome, and even arbitrary at times, they are the path towards ensuring that we do not expose our community to the pain caused by the loss of loved ones.

Thank you for your patience, support and commitment to keeping our community safe during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Pat Sánchez
Superintendent