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Good Evening RUSD Staff, Families and Community:

The public's health and safety are paramount to Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and all of its community and educational partners. The public health crisis created by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is not something any of us could reasonably have expected to happen, and we're in uncharted waters as we work to prevent the spread of the illness. As school district employees and members of the community, we recognize that we must take appropriate measures to do our part in controlling and containing the potential spread of the virus. We have been following the guidance of public health experts on how we can keep our school community -- students, staff, family members and visitors safe.

After careful consideration and in light of new information, our Board of Education and Superintendent have taken action to close schools, cancel classes and any student-related activities effective Monday, March 16, 2020. The District will close its schools through Friday, April 3, 2020, while we evaluate the appropriate path moving forward. The closing of any school has real consequences beyond the loss of instructional time. This is not an easy decision and not one we take lightly. Please know that to date, no student or staff has tested positive for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Our services for students receiving special education will be discontinued during the close, and like other services, will be evaluated moving forward. Students and families will continue to have access to their services from Inland Regional Center (IRC). If you have questions related to IRC, please contact (951) 826-2600.

Instructional resources will be available on our website Monday, March 16, 2020. Nutrition Services will provide an opportunity for families to drive through and pick up meals for RUSD students between March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 and Monday, March 30, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. **There will not be meal service during our regularly scheduled spring break. Children must be present in order for meals to be provided.** Details including locations will be posted on our website by the end of today.

An update on whether the school closures will be extended will be provided by the end of the day, Friday, March 27, 2020. RUSD thanks our communities in advance, knowing that lives are being disrupted to some extent during this fluid time.

For more information go to www.riversideunified.org and our **Hotline Number 951-778-5555**.

Thank you,

Riverside Unified School District