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Dear El Dorado Union High School District Community,

We are committed to providing you with the latest developments on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on schools in the El Dorado Union High School District. Our highest priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

According to [El Dorado County Public Health](#) there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 involving students or school staff in El Dorado County at this time. **There are currently no plans to close any schools in our District due to COVID-19.**

As COVID-19 continues to spread in California, several businesses and public agencies like ourselves are implementing additional guidelines and restrictions to reduce the possibility of exposure and spread of the virus.

The following actions are based on the guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control](#), [California Department of Public Health](#), the [California Department of Education](#), and Governor Newsom's [Executive Order N-25-20](#).

Effective today through Sunday, March 15 we are canceling participation in all athletic competitions (home and away) as we consult with CIF and our respective leagues. We will have updated guidance on Monday.

Additionally, now through Sunday, April 12, El Dorado Union High School District will implement several community mitigation measures to ensure operations and instruction can continue in a safe environment. As such, the following [El Dorado Union High School District](#) events will be **affected** until further notice:

- Athletic Invitationals (Home and Away) – Canceled
- Band, Choir, and Theater performances and competitions - limited to parents/guardians and sibling(s) or postponed
- Banquets - Canceled or postponed
- Dances or Proms - Canceled or postponed
- EDUHSD Career Expo – Canceled
- Non-essential travel – Canceled
- Non-District use of [facilities](#) – Suspended
- Site Assemblies - Canceled or postponed

- Staff and student non-athletic events taking place outside of El Dorado County - Canceled or under review
- Student trips - Canceled or postponed

While these decisions are difficult to make, we take this action at the recommendation of the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, El Dorado County Office of Education and the El Dorado County Public Health based on what is known at this time about the transmission and severity of the illness to best protect our school communities, and to limit social contact. If we are able to reschedule events at a later date, stakeholders will be notified accordingly.

We are actively working to prevent the spread of this and other viruses in the community and are sanitizing classroom surfaces and District vehicles to avoid the spread of COVID-19. To help prevent the spread of illness, we encourage our community, staff, and students to follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We encourage individuals who are ill to stay home until they have fully recovered and are free of fever for at least 24 hours.

Thank you for working with us to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and we sincerely appreciate your support during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Ron Carruth, Ed.D.
Superintendent