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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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On July 28, 2020 the Board of Trustees approved online full distance learning starting on Monday, August 10, 2020. The plan is to begin the school year with the distance learning model for the first quarter only, or sooner if conditions allow. Provided the County is not on the State watch list, the District intends to return to in-person instruction on the week of October 5, 2020, or sooner if conditions allow consistent with guidance from the State and Federal guidelines and existing safety conditions.

### **Nutrition Services**

Our Nutrition Services Department will provide EDUHSD enrolled students nutritious meals Monday through Friday during distance learning between the hours of 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. beginning on Monday, August 10, 2020. Students and parents may go to any of the four comprehensive sites in the District to pick up meals in the Cafeteria. Please provide your student ID or the name(s) of your student to the cashier. **Please note, according to new State regulations, we can only serve EDUHSD enrolled students.**

- El Dorado High School: 561 Canal Street, Placerville, CA 95667
- Oak Ridge High School: 1120 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
- Ponderosa High School: 3661 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682
- Union Mine High School: 6530 Koki Lane, El Dorado, CA 95623

Due to COVID-19, many families who were not previously receiving free meals may now qualify. We encourage all families to submit a confidential meal application online: <https://secure.ezmealapp.com>. Funds may also be uploaded to student accounts through <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> or at any of our four comprehensive locations.

Safety is our number one priority, and we have implemented meal distribution procedures that ensure compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local health department COVID-19 recommendations. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site, but by utilizing social distancing once meals have been distributed. This is a pickup service only and masks are required. Meals will not be consumed on site. For more information, please contact Lisa Baughn at (530) 622-5081 extension 7234.

### **Wellness**

El Dorado Union High School District and Sierra Child & Family Services care about the well-being of students, families, and staff. We are here for you and your family if you need help. The

mission of the Wellness Center is to assist students and families with navigation to community resources, to offer a safe space to explore needs or concerns as well as to improve the overall health and well-being of the students. With this said, we understand this support may be needed now more than ever.

As we embark on the unique start of the 2020-2021 school year, please know the Wellness Center is open and available to support any need or concern that may come up for your student or family. We are available to set up appointments via phone, zoom or in person to support your student or family.

Please feel free to contact us by phone at (530) 280-2009 or by email:

- El Dorado: [cougarwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:cougarwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us)
- Oak Ridge: [trojanwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:trojanwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us)
- Ponderosa: [bruinwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bruinwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us)
- Union Mine and Virtual Academy: [diamondbackwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:diamondbackwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us)
- Independence: [saintwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us](mailto:saintwellness@eduhd.k12.ca.us)

Additionally, if you or someone you know, is in need of immediate assistance, please call 911 or refer to the attached list of crisis intervention resources.

For additional resources please check our website at the following address:

<https://www.scfswellnesscenters.org/>

### **El Dorado County Student WiFi Network**

El Dorado County is now broadcasting a WiFi network from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at schools and libraries with over 70 locations in the County (access hours at each location may vary). Their goal is to provide students with internet access to assist with distance learning during school closures by providing a standard wireless network that can be easily accessed. Click on the link below to find specific areas where this WiFi network is broadcasted:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10y4MmsYOH-H3uXvtDeU5loYKY0hYhkmp&usp=sharing>

### **WiFi Network: EDC-STUDENT**

**Password: homework**

PLEASE NOTE: School and Library buildings are CLOSED and there is no access to public restrooms. Please continue to practice social distancing. At most locations, connectivity can be obtained from the parking lot and options are being reviewed to extend wireless signal in areas that do not have parking lot coverage. This WiFi network is provided “as is” and technical support is not included.

There currently are 4 mobile hotspot WOW vans “Wireless on Wheels.” Click the link below to view: [https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1tOSknb0ZUaxhGXg7p8w-PrfSkyvb\\_ZVP&usp=sharing](https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1tOSknb0ZUaxhGXg7p8w-PrfSkyvb_ZVP&usp=sharing)

### **Attendance**

During distance learning, students are expected to be active participants in their learning. Tuesday through Friday of each week, teachers will be live broadcasting lessons in each of their classes. Attendance will be taken during these lessons and will be recorded in the Aeries portal. On

Mondays, teachers will post assignments/activities that students are expected to complete. Submission of these assignments will equate to the student being present for the class. Parents can track their student's attendance/participation by logging into the parent portal in Aeries. In the attendance screen you will see either a 1, 2, or 3 marked for each period. For Mondays, where attendance is based upon assignment completion, a "1" will indicate that your student has completed the assignment in that class period. A "3" will indicate that they did not complete the assignment in that class period. Please note that Monday's attendance will be updated throughout the week as teachers grade and review the assignments. In turn, you may see a blank in the Monday attendance for your student for up to one week.

For Tuesday through Friday, in which students will be engaged in direct interaction with their teachers via live broadcasts, a "1" will indicate that your student attended and engaged in the distance learning lesson for the whole period. A "3" indicates that your student did not attend and engage in the distance learning lesson for the whole period.

In the event that your student must miss a distance learning class period due to a doctor's appointment, illness, or other reason, parents must call the attendance office to report the absence. Thank you for partnering with us to insure your student is actively engaged in distance learning.

### **Transportation Services**

As a result of beginning the 2020-21 school year via distance learning, regular bus routes will not begin until the schools reopen to in-person learning. Due to the recent uncertainties with COVID-19 and resulting statewide economic challenges, the EDUHSD Transportation Department has been forced to increase its non-busing zone to 3 miles (3 air-mile radius from each school site) District-wide for the 2020-21 school year. If your residence is within the 3 mile non-busing zone, you will need to make other accommodations to transport your student(s) to and from school. In addition, numerous bus routes have been modified or eliminated such as in-town and alternative education routes.

Visit <http://www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us/Transportation/2020-21-Bus-Routes/> for the 2020-21 Bus Route Schedule. Please check to see where your new stop is located.

**NOTE: The Special Education Department will not be affected by these changes.**

Students who ride school buses are expected to wear a face covering and maintain social distance while waiting in line for the bus and while riding it. Students are also encouraged to sit with family members if applicable or near other students who board and deboard together. The buses will be cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis. The 2020-21 school year will begin in the distance learning model, as a result, bus pass sales are now available online and will be prorated accordingly. We encourage you to purchase your bus pass(es) online through your [mySchoolBucks account](#) to help with social distancing. For incoming freshmen, be sure to check that "El Dorado Union High School District" is selected at the top of your screen.

Free or Reduced applications are available on the Transportation Department's [website](#) and can be mailed or dropped off with the appropriate payment or income verification documents to:

**EDUHSD Bus Fees**  
**4675 Missouri Flat Road**  
**Placerville, CA 95667**

No application is needed if you are purchasing through [mySchoolBucks](#). If you are purchasing in person, you may experience long wait times due to limited staffing. Make checks payable to EDUHSD and include your student(s) name and school site on the check. Transportation Department office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please prepare for the bus stop and time changes and adjust accordingly for the coming school year. Thank you for your support and flexibility while we all adjust during these uncertain times. If you have any questions, please contact our Transportation Department at (530) 622-5081 extension 7245 or 7250.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we navigate our way closer to the new school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Carruth  
Superintendent  
El Dorado Union High School District