March 13, 2020

Dear SUSD Families,

After carefully monitoring the latest developments in the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and after meeting with Principals and considering the input of parents, teachers and staff – I have made the decision today to close all Scottsdale Unified School campuses to students and the public effective Monday, March 16. This closure will remain in effect through at least Friday, March 27.

While we have been working diligently throughout Spring Break to develop and implement responses to this situation, it became evident today with the national declaration of emergency that to protect the safety and well-being of students and staff, a closure was necessary.

Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting the SUSD school community, we realize there is still great concern among our stakeholders about how this disease could still spread in our schools despite all of the measures taken.

Today’s decision, although difficult, is being made out of an abundance of caution for community health. Our SUSD Governing Board fully supports this decision and is appreciative of the community that helped guide this decision.

In addition to closing all schools to students and the public, the following measures are also taking place:

• All athletic and fine arts events are cancelled until further notice.
• Community Education programs such as Kids Club, Enrichment Zone and Pre-school / Pre-K programs are cancelled through at least March 27.

Despite this adversity, we are committed to continuing to deliver high-quality instruction for which SUSD has been known for more than 123 years. District leadership is meeting over the weekend to define additional details for our staff. To ensure that you have the latest developments, please be sure to bookmark www.susd.org/COVID19.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate this unprecedented public health challenge that affects us all.

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