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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Santa Paula Unified School District staff wants you to know, we miss working and interacting with your child during these challenging times. Our staff has been quickly adapting to how we will deliver instruction and assistance to students during these school closures. We recognize that learning remotely cannot fully reproduce our normal classroom experiences, however, we will certainly do our very best to engage and inspire students to remain active learners while we are apart.

The intent of this letter is to address some of the questions you may have regarding your child's learning and what distance learning is going to look like. The most important thing for parents to remember during this time is to support your child's emotional well-being at home.

The District's distance learning plan has three phases. We are currently focusing on phase one which includes online enrichment activities accessible thorough our district website ([SPUSD Enrichment Resources](#)). Parents will find live links to educational programs, which can be accessed for free. Our webpage is being updated frequently and we encourage you to use these enrichment programs to continue to establish a learning routine at home. Additionally, we are providing take-home learning packets which contain fundamental reading and math skill practice for grades kindergarten through eight. **These learning packets will be available for pickup on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26 between the hours of 10:30 and 12:30 p.m. at your child's school site.** At this time, all activities and take-home packets are voluntary and are to be used for enrichment purposes. We will not require that students turn the packets in, nor will students receive a grade for completing the work. Lastly, phase one of the distance learning plan also includes contact from your child's teacher by way of phone or email. These communications will begin on Wednesday, March 25.

Our staff is working as fast as possible to clean and inventory Chromebook laptop computers to support online learning for our students. We will begin distribution at the high school level, with grade 12. Santa Paula High School and Renaissance High School will send a message to parents regarding the specific distribution dates and times this week. High school teachers will identify enrichment activities connected to their course content. These enrichment activities will be posted online by the end of this week.

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SPUSD staff is trying to make the distance learning transition as smooth as possible. Taking a slow and steady approach, we have designed engaging learning opportunities and helpful resources for students and their families while everyone is adjusting to learning from home. We understand you probably have many questions about your child's academics, but we want you to find comfort in knowing that this distance learning method of delivering teaching and learning is not the norm for many of us. Our staff and students will learn lessons along the way. We will get through this together. It will take all of us (students, parents, and staff) working together to make this new distance learning plan successful. SPUSD staff is up for the challenge!

In closing, we are recommending parents to provide a daily routine, and a quiet workspace at home for your child to complete their work. Your child may be feeling unsure and stressed at times. Please be patient, encouraging and supportive. We are a team and we will get through this challenging time together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Cora", is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Dr. Ed Cora  
Superintendent