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Dear Pacific Union School Families,

I hope this message finds you and your family well. The start of this week has been a busy one at the school and I want to acknowledge the staff's hard work and perseverance during this time. They are amazing at what they do and are so dedicated to our students and community. I also want to thank all of our families and community members who are unselfishly making sacrifices to see that all of our children are being cared for. We at the school miss our kiddos and look forward to reconnecting with them.

Today at 2:00 p.m. we were notified that Humboldt County will move forward with the declaration to Shelter in Place. During this time school staff is considered "essential staff" and we will continue to provide services to our school community. Teachers will be reaching out to families to see how we can continue to support you and your needs at home. Teachers are available by email and Class Dojo, or you can leave a message for them at school (707-822-4619) and we will make sure they receive it. Our food service staff will continue with grab and go breakfast/lunch delivery and pick up for all children under the age of 18. We are all practicing social distancing and taking preventative measures. We will be operating at a much lower capacity, but will continue to provide for our school community.

Our current closure lasts through March 27, but it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that we will be extending the school closure through April 10, 2020. Please remember, Spring Break lasts from April 13th through April 17th. I understand and regret the hardship that a school closure places on our families, but the safety of students, staff, and our community is paramount. I will update you on our closure status should it be extended beyond that date through our communication systems. The school website remains the best source of information:

<http://www.pacificunionschool.org/>

Please continue to visit the school website and click on the Student Resources link to access grade level materials that teachers have created for their students. We have also opened up our Campus Resource page. The campus resource page includes recommendations for enrichment and skill building activities and links to useful websites. In light of the extended closure we will also be gathering to create another packet that will be uploaded to the student resource section and we will send out information on how to pick up a printed copy if you need one.

We are all adjusting day-by-day as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to shape our daily lives. As the state provides more guidance to schools, we will do our best to make adjustments that have the least impact on your daily lives. We will continue to bring you updated information as it becomes available. We are all in this together so we appreciate your continued support and patience.

Sincerely,

Rene L. McBride