



## DUNHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

4111 Roblar Road, Petaluma, CA 94952, 707.795.5050

March 4, 2020

Dear Families,

As information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) dominates the news, we want our families to know that we are actively monitoring this sensitive situation. Dunham, along with the Sonoma County Office of Education, is working together with the Sonoma County Department of Health Services to ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff. The best antidote to the concern we are all feeling is timely, accurate information.

We are taking common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases and are monitoring the situation as it evolves here in California and Sonoma County. While we don't anticipate a school closure, we are putting together a plan with the Sonoma County Office of Education should such action be necessary. As we are updated by the Sonoma County Emergency Operations Center, which has been activated for the distribution of communication and information, we will, in turn, notify our families. There is a countywide meeting later this week, and we will share any relevant information we receive at that time.

We are working to ensure that we increase cleaning of offices and classrooms, and our teachers and staff will continue to encourage our students to practice good hygiene, including:

- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when sneezing or coughing.
- Washing your hands with soap and water often and using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Staying home if you have a fever or are feeling sick, and not returning to school or work until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- If you are feeling sick, call your doctor before going to the hospital to seek treatment.
  - Please note that while the flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, it is highly recommended to help keep you healthy.

We are including a link from the Sonoma County Department of Health Services that provides information on what the public needs to know:

[Sonoma County Public Health Current Press Release](#)  
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)  
[California Department of Public Health](#)

If you have any further questions, please contact our school office.

*Daniel Hoffman*

Daniel Hoffman, Superintendent / Principal