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Dear Solana Beach School District Families,

Last night, Governor Newsom issued a state wide “Stay at Home” order. I would like to reassure our families that this order does not require closure of *School Employers* and other essential governmental functions.

Therefore, at this time, the order does **not** change or impact the Solana Beach School District’s role, considered essential, and our duty to carry out the following essential services:

- Keeping the continuity of learning moving forward; and,
- Preparing and providing meals to our students participating the free and reduced meal program.

On a brighter note, Solana Beach School District professionals (principals, teachers, and instructional department leaders), have come together and worked incessantly to transition an on-site instructional program to a distance learning model, all in a matter of days. I am proud of our employees (over 400) who **all** participated remotely in professional learning Thursday. As with any change, this model will continue to evolve and strengthen throughout the duration of the school closure period.

I would ask that our families remember Solana Beach School District employees, like you, also are also experiencing the significant impacts created by the recent Executive Orders and COVID-19 circumstances; *however*, I have personally observed their commitment and dedication to continue learning, create stability for students, and reconnect with students. They are truly models of resiliency and we all know the power of modeling as a teaching strategy.

Please look for a personal message from your child(ren)’s teacher Monday morning to learn more about specific instructional program details. I know they are excited to reconnect and look forward to working alongside you as we transition to distance learning with a modified instructional program.

And most importantly, please practice the recommendations for public health and safety and honor the Governor’s Executive Order. I believe if we make a community commitment, we will help prevent the spread allowing schools and business to reopen and some sort of life normalcy to return.

Sincerely,
Jodee Brentlinger