



Office of the Superintendent

April 30, 2018

Dear SUSD Families, Staff, and Community:

Thank you so much for your patience during these recent days of school closure.

Although I respect and understand the goals of this current walkout, it is our organizational responsibility, and my duty, to open and operate schools in service to our students and their families. Similarly, it is our obligation to determine reasonable assurance that the schools will be safe.

Given the multiple uncertainties still lingering, and in support of our objectives, we are proceeding with the following plan of action.

- On May 1, 2018, tomorrow, we will operate an **ALL** staff workday. This is for all staff, including faculty, administrative, and support staff. **There will be no students on this day.** The purpose is to evaluate each school and department's contingency plan, including staffing and schedules, in order to create clarity and readiness to open school to students.
- We will make a final status evaluation on May 1, 2018, with the intended objective of opening school with students on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.
- You will get a final confirmation by the afternoon on May 1, 2018.

It is our intention to open schools on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. However, please understand that educational programs on this day may be rather basic and limited. First, we must be safe, and that will be the ultimate test of final determinations. If schools are open, we will operate normal food services and transportation services.

In our ongoing evaluation of our instructional calendar, I'm pleased to report that if we get our students back to school on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, and complete the school year with the current calendar, no make-up days will be required.

I'm also pleased to share that the L.I.N.K. program will re-open operations on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, for **currently** enrolled students. A separate notice is being sent.

I am hopeful to see our students and staff around campus soon.

Sincerely,

Manuel O. Valenzuela, Ed.D.  
Superintendent