



# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION CHARTER SCHOOL AT CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

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## \*\*\*UPDATE ON EXTENDED SCHOOL CLOSURE\*\*\*

Dear UPCS Families,

Today all Ventura County School Districts agreed to keep their campuses closed through the end of the school year in support of the coronavirus mitigation effort. The decision was made in consultation with Ventura County Public Health Office Dr. Robert Levin. It comes after recommendations from the California Governor Gavin Newsom and California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond for schools to continue providing distance learning in lieu of in-class instruction for the remainder of the current semester.

I want to send a special note to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade families and let them know that we will be working on a way for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be celebrated. We know that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have worked hard all these years and were looking forward to their promotion ceremony. More information to come...

### **UPCS Distance Learning:**

This week we launched our distance learning program with great success. Over 90% of our students have in distance learning opportunities, daily online sessions with teachers, and video-taped lessons. Teachers have reported how wonderful it has been to be able to see and interact with their students. While we will observe our regular spring break April 6-17 we will again start our distance learning program on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to contact your teacher if you are facing any challenges accessing the online learning platform, need a device, or any other needs your family may have at this time. Our teachers are preparing lessons that are focused on the most important standards to complete for this school year as well as providing many opportunities for practice and exploration. We know that each family is facing unique challenges during this time and that participation may be limited based on some of these situations. Please reach out to your teacher and or the administration for support as you find the need.

### **Food Services for UPCS students during closure:**

Food services for children under 18 will continue. Follow this link to find locations in your local area:

<http://vcoe.org/meals>

Children will receive two meals each day at no cost.

We do not make these decisions without enormous thought and input from county and state officials. We thank you for your understanding during this challenging time. Our thoughts are with you and your family and we look forward to seeing you in your learning sessions and in person next school year. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Charmon E. Evans  
Executive Director