



Banta Elementary School District

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March 16, 2020

Dear Faculty, Parents/Guardians and Students,

With the COVID-19 epidemic, we are here to support you and your child in their ongoing education. Out of an abundance of caution and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 throughout Banta School District we are temporarily closing **Banta's schools until April 20th**. We are following the guidance from the state to close schools from March 16th through April 9th. Our students and staff have a scheduled Spring Break from April 10th through the 19th and will return back to school on April 20th.

In order to continue to provide educational opportunities for our students, teachers will be contacting students and parents to provide and coordinate instruction. Based on family preference, instruction will be provided on-line/digitally, or educational packets will be sent. **Please note, that based on new guidance from the State, this educational opportunity will be graded and all students will need to work on their assignments daily.** Banta and STEAM's school offices will be open only on Thursdays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Parents at Banta Elementary may pick up and drop off student work at that time.

Banta School District and the Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) program will provide an opportunity for families to drive through and pick up meals for the children in their family at our two school sites. Children must be present in order for meals to be provided, per USDA guidelines. The schools will provide a lunch for that day, and breakfast for the following day. Meals will be served between 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the parking lot in front of the office at Banta Elementary School beginning March 16, 2020, and at STEAM Academy in the large pick up driveway on Commercial Street beginning March 18th, 2020. Please stay in your car, and the meals will be brought to you.

We will monitor the situation closely, and will reach out with additional updates when necessary. At a minimum, you will receive a district update every Thursday via phone and emails. The update will also be posted to our district web page at bantasd.org.

Students should plan to return to school on Monday, April 20, 2020, after spring break.

Thank you for your patience as we work to respond as quickly as possible to a rapidly evolving issue with the best information we have from the San Joaquin County Office of Education and the County Health Department.

Sincerely,

Daniel Moore

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Superintendent

Courage is knowing what not to fear.

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