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## Solano County Public Schools to Close Next Week

**Fairfield, CA**- In light of the ever-changing situation with COVID-19, Solano County Superintendents and Charter School Administrators have made the difficult decision to close schools for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. Superintendents and Charter School Administrators will make a determination at that time about any further closures.

Each school district and charter school is notifying their parent communities, and will continue to communicate directly with families and staff with updates about re-opening, learning alternatives, and the availability of school meals.

"The Superintendents and Charter School Administrators did not take this decision lightly and recognize that this may cause a hardship for some families. School leaders across the state are faced with this very difficult decision," stated Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Solano County Superintendent of Schools.

School administrators across Solano County appreciate the proactive illness prevention steps that our families and staff have committed to. Illness prevention steps make a significant difference in safeguarding the health of our communities, and we encourage continued attention in this effort.

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Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) provides leadership, support, and fiscal oversight for Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo school districts which serve approximately 64,000 students. Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson is elected by voters of Solano County. The Superintendent is a state constitutional officer who serves as the chief executive officer of SCOE and as a liaison between local school districts and the state.