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## Solano Schools Extend Closures to May 1st

## Area School Districts Set Tentative Date for Closure Extension

**FAIRFIELD, CA**- On March 26, 2020, Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) located at 5100 Business Center Drive, in Fairfield, advised Solano County school districts and charter schools to continue distance learning for all students through at least May 1, 2020. This guidance was based upon consultation with Solano County Public Health and aligns with the current <u>Solano County Shelter At Home Order</u> as well as Governor Newsom's <u>Executive Order N-33-20</u> aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19.

"Solano County schools are working hard to be flexible, resourceful and inventive in order to bring distance learning options to all students. Equity for every student is critical, and our districts and charters schools have made great strides with innovative solutions for continued learning across the county," stated Solano Superintendent of Schools, Lisette Estrella-Henderson.

Previously, Solano County school districts and charter schools had announced tentative dates that would extend school closures until mid-April. However, Governor Newsom has called for individuals to stay at home state-wide and prohibited mass gatherings of more than ten people indefinitely. SCOE, school district and charter school leaders will continue to put student, staff and community member safety first, and will work closely with state and local health officials prior to determining if the May 1st day would be extended further.

Above all, Solano County Office of Education continues to encourage families to stay attentive to illness prevention and hygiene protocols, including:

- Stay in your home and isolate yourself as much as possible if you are sick
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay 6 feet or more away from others when outside of your home
- Frequently disinfect commonly touched surfaces

Resources for schools and families including a map of school meal locations, resources for parents at home with their children, and more, can be found at <u>www.solanocoe.net</u>

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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.