

## All CCUSD Schools to Close April 26 and 27

Dear CCUSD Parents and Guardians,

Like many of our colleagues across the state, we believe that our state officials – legislators and the Governor – need to find a viable way to increase and sustain education funding for Arizona's public schools. The call to action that is underway has raised the community's awareness of the challenges we face with chronic underfunding of our public-school system. Some of our teachers and staff have participated in peaceful "walk ins" to schools to highlight this issue. They have done so independently and on their own time.

We have now been notified by a majority of our teachers that they will participate in a walk out this Thursday and Friday (April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>) **ONLY**. Unfortunately, we now need to close our schools for those two days due to inadequate supervision. School will resume on Monday, April 30, 2018.

### 1. Communications:

Please only rely on our district communications. We will use our district and school websites, outdials, email and our social media accounts. Please be sure that your emergency contact information is up-to-date.

### 2. Will Education Community Services still be available if a school is closed?

Families who have already paid for Community Education preschool will have these services continue. ECS programs (preschool before and after care and enrichment) will be open and operating on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Preschool and enrichment classes will be running as scheduled. For further questions, please contact ECS at 480-575-2440.

### 3. What about athletic practices or games?

Varsity level practices, competition and tournaments will continue as scheduled if appropriately staffed. All other athletic practices will be canceled.

### 4. If a school is closed, will the school year be extended?

Yes. School would be extended on Tuesday, May 29 and Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The high school seniors who attend ½ day will have other viable alternatives to make up their 8 hours of lost instructional time. The high school administration will be developing this plan.

### 5. Will high school graduation be affected?

High school graduation will still occur on May 24<sup>th</sup>. As stated above, half day seniors will have instructional time added in order to receive their diplomas.

### 6. Field Trips:

Out-of-state and overnight field trips will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Field trips may proceed with adequate supervision based on campus administrator's decision.

### 7. Transportation:

Transportation will be provided for students in private day special placement such as The ACES and some other out-of-district special needs travel.

### 8. If my child's school closes, do I have to call him/her out sick?

If school is closed, you are not required to call a child out as sick.

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**9. Additional community resources for child care:**

YMCA's will be offering drop-in care for the day: \$50.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members at Christown, Scottsdale, Glendale, and Desert Foothills YMCA's. For any families in need of financial assistance for child care, please contact Raye Gall at [rgall@vosymca.org](mailto:rgall@vosymca.org) or by calling 602-212-6298.

**10. How would students already approved for meal assistance (free and reduced) receive breakfast and lunch for Thursday and Friday?**

Students already approved for free and reduced lunch may pick up breakfast/lunch packs for Thursday and Friday at Desert Sun Academy (located at 27880 N. 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, 85262) from 8:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Please use the east door from the uncovered parking lot off 64<sup>th</sup> Street. The cafeteria phone number is 480-575-2911.

We thank you for your patience, support and understanding during this time of uncertainty. For site specific decisions, please contact your school.