



BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SIMON R. CANALEZ

Superintendent

Brawley Union High School District Stakeholders,

The Brawley Union High School District has been carefully monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and updating our response based on the information we receive from the Imperial County Public Health Department and the Imperial County Office of Education.

The safety and wellbeing of students, families, and school personnel are the highest priorities of all Imperial County schools and districts. As of today, there are two (2) presumptively positive cases of the COVID-19 disease in Imperial County. In advance of more COVID-19 cases that could follow, in conjunction with Imperial County School District Superintendents, the Imperial County Office of Education, The Brawley Union High School District has decided in concurrence with the Imperial County Public Health Department to **dismiss district schools beginning today, March 17 through Friday, April 9, 2020. The Brawley Union High School District will observe spring break April 10-17th.** We will reassess during this time whether an extension of school dismissal will be necessary.

Imperial County Public Health Officer, Dr. Stephen Munday, reports that while the current cases of COVID-19 are presumptively positive and travel related, with no evidence of community transmission in Imperial County at this time, these numbers may grow in the coming days and weeks which may require a lengthier dismissal, closure, and/or additional measures.

The Brawley Union High School District staff will work together throughout the dismissal to provide vital services and resources to our community, including, but not limited to educational enrichment opportunities and meal programs. The Brawley Union High School District will be open for business Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. All visitors will need to check in through security to access district services.

While we recognize the decision to dismiss students will pose significant challenges and hardship to many families in our district, an effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of this pandemic is by implementing social distancing practices. During the time of the school dismissal, we are asking that students and families follow the County Public Health Officer’s recommendation to **stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible**. Protecting public health requires a community-wide response, and we will need the help of families to remain united in our response. While children have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from COVID-19, they are still able to transmit the virus to populations who are most vulnerable to serious illness, such as older adults and those with compromised immune systems. Please encourage students to avoid large public gatherings such as malls, movie theaters, and other spaces, especially those that are indoor.

For additional information please feel free to call 760-312-6085 or email scanalez@brawleyhigh.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simon Canalez".

Simon Canalez
Superintendent

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