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Dear Rio School Community,

Given the recent world health events, we are all concerned about the spread of the novel coronavirus and the uncertainty it's creating in our daily lives. The Ventura County Public Health department declared a local health emergency yesterday afternoon, which will provide additional resources for coronavirus response. As a result of this declaration and in the interest of the health of our community, **Rio School District has decided to close all of our schools beginning Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20.** The determination of what date to reopen will depend on the circumstances at the time. We will update families about our plans no later than Friday, March 20.

This closure is in support of the recommendations from public health officials to encourage "social distancing" to slow the spread of the virus. It is strongly recommended that students stay home during the closure as much as possible and do not gather in public places.

We are currently developing plans to address a variety of ways the District contributes to the community and will communicate when these options become clear. We understand that school closures have significant impacts on our students and families and we hope to resume normal operations as soon as possible. We thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

John Puglisi, Ph.D.
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Querida comunidad escolar de Río,

Dados los recientes eventos mundiales de salud, todos estamos preocupados por la propagación del nuevo coronavirus y la incertidumbre que está creando en nuestra vida diaria. El departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Ventura declaró una emergencia de salud local ayer por la tarde, lo que proporcionará recursos adicionales para la respuesta al coronavirus.

Como resultado de esta declaración y en interés de la salud de nuestra comunidad, el **Distrito Escolar de Río ha decidido cerrar todas nuestras escuelas a partir del lunes 16 de marzo hasta el viernes 20 de marzo.** La determinación de la fecha de reapertura dependerá de circunstancias en el momento. Actualizaremos a las familias sobre nuestros planes a más tardar el viernes 20 de marzo.

Este cierre respalda las recomendaciones de los funcionarios de salud pública para alentar el "distanciamiento social" para frenar la propagación del virus. Se recomienda encarecidamente que los estudiantes permanezcan en casa durante el cierre tanto como sea posible y no se reúnan en lugares públicos.

Actualmente estamos desarrollando planes para abordar una variedad de formas en que el Distrito contribuye a la comunidad y se comunicará cuando estas opciones sean claras. Entendemos que el cierre de escuelas tiene un impacto significativo en nuestros estudiantes y familias y esperamos reanudar las operaciones normales lo antes posible. Le agradecemos su comprensión durante este momento difícil.

Sinceramente,

John Puglisi, Ph.D
Superintendent