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DISTANCE LEARNING NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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A Letter from the California Department of Education

DEAR PARENTS,

Governor Gavin Newsom has issued a stay at home order for California. Everyone is required to stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job.

Local schools and districts will be reaching out to parents if they have not already done so to provide further information about distance learning during Coronavirus (COVID-19) related school closures.

In addition to the resources your local school or district will provide, the California Department of Education will also share resources to support families with distance learning in this weekly newsletter. Each issue will focus on resources for a different subject area, topic, or student group.

Informational Resources

COVID-19 Guidance

Please visit the California COVID-19 website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/> for the latest updates and information. This web page is available in multiple languages using the "translate" button at the top of the page.

School Lunch Information: CA Meals for Kids App

Parents and students can still pick up school lunches during COVID-19 related school closures. You can use the "CA Meals for Kids" mobile app to find meals or you can contact your school district directly for more information. [News Release: CA Meals for Kids App Update](#) (Added 19-Mar-2020)

Home Learning Resources:

Below are free recommended resources that you can use with your children at home or they can do on their own.

Starfall

Learning games for pre-kindergarten through grade 3 students

<http://www.starfall.com/h/>

BrainPop

Learning activities for kindergarten through grade 12 students

<https://bit.ly/BrainPopHome2School>

Getting Internet Access

If you do not have access to the internet at home, there are several companies offering service to families. Contact the companies listed on the link below to discuss the plans available to you. Information available: [Getting Internet Access: Available Plans](#) (Added 18-Mar-2020).