COVID-19 has changed our world in an incredibly short period of time. We are facing a new challenge that provides us with an opportunity for a shared response. As our county’s largest school system, we embrace our part of that response on behalf of the students we serve.

The health and well-being of our community has been, and continues to be, our top priority. We are diligently implementing the Order of the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara because no other consideration comes close to the lives of our community members.

With our rapidly changing situation and our commitment to health above all else, we appreciate your patience and understanding as we have worked through how best to answer the most prevalent question facing our school system – how can we support the education of our children if our schools are closed?

Answering this question is particularly complex for San José Unified due to our size, that we serve all grades, and the diversity of our population. There is no online solution that is appropriate for students in advanced placement courses, students in foster care, English learners, and students with special needs, among our many student populations. As we work through the myriad factors, we are moving forward with the following:

- **Educational resources for grades TK-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12 are now available at www.sjusd.org. All of these educational resources are optional. They are available to families as an at-home learning resource.**
- **We are preparing long-term educational experiences that would, to the best of our ability, support the education of our students while sheltering at home. We will begin providing these experiences as soon as possible.**
- **We are seeking the full support of the County Office of Education and the California Department of Education as we suspend currently required timelines, regulations, and policies so that we can support the education of our children while our schools are closed.**

Our employees are also parents and family members – we are truly in this together. Adhering to the orders of our County Health Officer is a shared responsibility that is necessary to keep us all safe. We will do everything we can to support the education of our children while we work through this challenge as a community.

Sincerely,

Nancy Albarrán
Superintendent