



April 2, 2020

Dear GUHSD Community:

Many questions are circulating after remarks by Governor Gavin Newsom and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond about if and when California campuses will reopen this school year.

Grossmont Union High School District and the San Diego County Office of Education continue to carefully monitor guidance from federal, state, and local public health and education agencies. All decisions about reopening will be made in conjunction with local public health officials. We continue to hold out hope that campuses will reopen later this spring, but are making plans to continue teaching and learning if that is not the case.

I want to be very clear that the 2019-20 school year is not over. Our district is transitioning from on-campus classroom instruction to distance learning beginning on April 20, 2020. This means that schools are physically closed, but classes continue at home.

With our local health authorities, we will continue to monitor the situation as we transition to this new way of teaching and learning. We will continue to reserve the right to reopen if health conditions allow.

We know that many students (especially our seniors, who we know were looking forward to celebrating promotion and graduation ceremonies) are very concerned about missing out on end-of-year activities and celebrations.

In the coming days and weeks, you will be hearing from your principal with more information regarding how grades, graduation, transcripts, scholarships, and summer school will be handled.

While we recognize this situation poses challenges and hardships to many families, the most effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of this pandemic – and therefore get back to normal – is by continuing to implement social distancing practices. We are grateful to our community for everything you are doing during this unique and difficult time.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. In the meantime, please trust that we are doing everything in our power to prioritize student safety, keep our community updated, and work toward the goal of getting our teachers and learners back together as soon as we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Glover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "G".

Dr. Tim Glover
Superintendent