



Dear Marcum-Illinois families and staff:

Over the weekend you may have heard that the Elk Grove Unified School District has canceled classes and activities for the week of March 9-13. I understand you may be wondering what this means for our district and our children.

The circumstances in Elk Grove and in our community are not the same. In Elk Grove, a family in their school community tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and has been quarantined. The Elk Grove district made its decision in coordination with the Sacramento County Office of Education and the Sacramento County Public Health Department.

As of today, public health agencies are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 in our school area. Public health officials have not recommended any closures or changes to ordinary activities at this time.

At this time, there are no plans to close our school or change our schedule for the Marcum-Illinois School District.

We are in constant communication with public health officials at the county, state and federal levels, and we are monitoring the situation closely. We will follow all guidance from these professionals as it relates to protecting the health and safety our students, our employees, and our community. Of course, the situation is fluid, and we will immediately respond, should the recommendations of public health officials change.

Our procedures for cleaning schools, buses, food service areas, and other facilities have been reviewed and updated. We will continue to follow and implement best practices as they are identified. We have increased the frequency of cleaning and are using cleaning agents recommended by health professionals as most effective in making surfaces safe.

We also continue to emphasize the practical measures county and state health officials advise in helping combat the spread of this virus. These include:

- Frequent handwashing for students and staff
- Frequent, deep sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces in our schools
- Advising anyone who is ill to stay home and not return until they have been fever free – without the use of fever-reducing medicines – for 24 hours.

As new guidance is issued by state and federal officials, we will of course act on it immediately.

We will do our best to keep our school community notified of any changes to schedules or activities, and to keep you updated on our response to this public health challenge.

Thank you for remaining calm. We want to reassure you that the well-being, health, and safety of our students and staff is our top priority.