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TO: Mother Lode Trustees
FROM: Marcy Guthrie, Superintendent
RE: Action Item: Distance Learning Used for Emergency School Closures in 2020-21

October 7, 2020

According to CDE, school districts can provide instruction and count student attendance for emergency closure days (i.e., PSPS, snow/ice, etc.). SB 98 created Ed Code section [43503](#) for the 2020-21 school year which outlines details about distance learning (when to offer it, how to offer it, etc.).

43503 (b)(6) which provides the following option: “.... If daily live interaction is not feasible as part of regular instruction, the governing board or body of the local educational agency shall develop, with parent and stakeholder input, an alternative plan for frequent live interaction that provides a comparable level of service and school connectedness.”

It is the District’s interest to transition to distance learning when an emergency school closure is necessary as our alternative plan. Teachers would communicate to students and parents in advance of an anticipated emergency school closure (e.g., PSPS, snow/ice, etc.) the “no-technology needed” distance learning assignments for each day of emergency school closure. Teachers would allow 1 week for the work to be completed and turned in for credit.

We have consulted with our employee groups (i.e., the District Learning Team), and the Board Agenda and Zoom link for the October 7, 2020, meeting was shared with all staff and our parent community on Monday, October 5, 2020.

The action item before the Board, is to allow MLUSD move to distance learning when emergency school closure days are necessary to not interrupt student learning.

The Mission of the Mother Lode Union School District is the successful education of every student.