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Dear Westside Parents, Staff and Community Members:

On Friday, July 17th, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered all school campuses to remain physically closed in counties on the state's monitoring list due to spiking COVID-19 cases. This includes Los Angeles County. Schools cannot re-open until their county has come off the state's monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

Therefore, this mandate will mean that all of our schools, including before- and after-school activities, all athletic and extracurricular practices and competitions, and all weekend events will be closed until LA County has met that requirement.

As many of you know, our Board held a special meeting on Monday, July 20th to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and determine how the 20-21 school year will open for our students given the Governor's Order. Our District has been preparing for a return to school for months now and we had planned for our district/campus to open school on August 5th for in-classroom instruction. Although we are making great progress in our preparations for welcoming back our students and staff, the Governor's order does not allow us to open on this date. As such, school will now reopen on Monday, August 10th and all instruction will be through distance learning with no on-campus programs. The Board will continue to closely monitor information from local and state officials with the goal of reopening our schools for some in-person instruction as permitted by Health Department guidance and Governor's Orders as soon as possible. We want nothing more than to have all of our students back in classrooms. We know that schools are safe locations for children and school attendance also enables parents to manage their busy lives.

Our teachers and staff are working hard preparing to provide distance learning to students. Additional information will be released by the principal of your child's school next week, so please check the school's website or your email for that information.

I understand that students and families have many questions as we prepare to start the new school year. I am also available via our Let's Talk application to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

This has been an incredibly challenging time for the entire Westside Union School District community. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation. We will continue to keep you updated via email, text, social media, and our website, at www.westside.k12.ca.us.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Regina L. Rossall

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