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SIMON R. CANALEZ
Superintendent

Brawley Union High School District Distance Learning Update

The Brawley Union High School District transitioned to a Distance Learning Model on March 17th, 2020, as a result of the recommended dismissal of students related to the Covid-19 Pandemic Stay at Home order issued by the Governor of California and the Imperial County Health Officer.

We recognize that this is a new experience for all in education. We understand this new learning format may have left all of us facing anxiety and questions, but please rest assured that we will work with you and support all in this new effort. This unique experience allows all of us to exhibit our core values which include resilience, respect, responsibility, kindness, and integrity. These core values will guide us through these difficult times.

A progress report card will be sent home the week of April 20, 2020. This progress report card will reflect grades of assignments that were due by March 16, 2020, so that students and parents have an understanding of academic progress before the school dismissal.

The initial phase of Distance Learning has been in effect from March 17, 2020, and will continue through April 24, 2020. This period of instruction is to be considered review and enrichment. This instruction will not be punitive in nature. The assignments completed during this period of time will only be used to enhance a student's overall grade at the end of the semester.

The next phase of Distance Learning will begin on April 27, 2020, and will continue through the end of the semester. This phase will begin the formal return to graded instruction. The district will continue to use a traditional grading system while continually evaluating the progress of students. Appropriate changes to the grading system in place may be considered. Teachers will evaluate student work in relation to standards in any given content area. Teachers will inform students how achievement will be evaluated in each course of study.

Distance Learning has been defined by the California Department of Education as students and instructors teaching and learning in different locations. Distance Learning may include interacting through the use of computer and communications technology, as well as delivering instruction and check-in time with their teacher. Distance Learning may include video or audio instruction in which the primary mode of communication between the student and instructor is on-line interaction, instructional television, video, telecourses, or other instruction that relies on computer or communications technology. It may also include the use of print materials incorporating assignments that are the subject of written or oral feedback. It can also involve an independent study model.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has presented us with new academic challenges and we know that our Distance Learning Model will have to be fluid and have the ability to evolve based on any given situation. Our district will strive to provide a flexible and adaptive instructional and learning environment for both students and staff during this process. Our priority is to provide equitable access to educational services for all of the students we serve in our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Canalez".

Simon Canalez
Superintendent

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