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Hello Somis Families,

The impacts of the coronavirus are touching every aspect of our lives and forcing all of us to find creative ways to adapt to this unprecedented situation. We know the disruption in normal school operations has created many issues and uncertainties – from childcare and meals to graduation plans and college preparation. In this letter, we will answer some of your most pressing questions as best we can.

### **When will school reopen?**

In coordination with the Ventura County Office of Education, Somis Union School District along with the other school districts in Ventura County, will be keeping our schools closed at least through Friday, May 1. Our new target date to reopen is Monday, May 4. I know this is startling news but this date is based on health projections and the progress of the virus. Yesterday, California Governor Gavin Newsom advised parents to prepare for the possibility that schools may be closed through the summer break. While that could indeed happen, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve enough to allow us to reopen before the end of the school year.

### **Will graduation and promotion ceremonies be held?**

Like all of you, we want nothing more than to honor our students for their accomplishments. The thought of graduation ceremonies being cancelled is heartbreaking, and we will do all we can to make them happen. In the event that in-person ceremonies are not possible due to public health concerns, we will explore alternative ways to recognize our students for their achievements.

### **Will remote learning be provided for students at home?**

Yes. We are currently working on plans to provide remote learning for our students. As you can imagine, this is no small endeavor. It involves issues with technology, training and equitable access for all students, including those with special needs and those who do not have internet service or computers at home. We are working to roll out distance learning as soon as possible and will notify parents when it is ready. In the meantime, we encourage your students to take advantage of the at-home enrichment activities we have provided on our website at [somisusd.org](http://somisusd.org). Also, Southern California PBS TV stations are offering TV-based at-home learning opportunities for students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Additional information is at [www.kcet.org/at-home-learning](http://www.kcet.org/at-home-learning).