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Dear TUSD Community,

We know you may have many questions about how the rest of this school year will unfold during these unprecedented times. Please be assured that your site principal and your district leadership team are working diligently to develop a framework to assist you, your students and the community while schools are closed in our State. Some of those plans include:

- In Collaboration with teachers, mentors, curriculum support and administrators across the district, we are developing grade level plans that incorporate online and offline learning options for your students.
- In Collaboration with teachers, mentors, curriculum support and administrators we are developing sample schedules that teachers can follow while schools are closed.
- In collaboration with our technology department, communications department and human resources, we are working to assist you in the delivery of your instruction to students.
- In addition to these plans, we want to make sure we equip you, our teachers with the intellectual tools and resources needed to offer online learning options for your students. These include providing professional learning opportunities around:
  - Utilizing the Zoom platform for lesson delivery
  - How to deliver an effective online lesson to students
  - Options for assessment and grading student work using an online platform

To get you started, we are including our new series “Hints from Heidi” for Educators. Please see the first publication here for this first week.

We wanted to make you aware of some of the plans your district leadership and site principals are working on as we navigate through these uncharted waters. We are grateful for your dedication, adaptability and patience as we roll out these plans as the unified force that is TUSD.

Sincerely

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