



May 2, 2020

Dear Grimmway Schools' Parent or Guardian,

I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy through these challenging and uncertain times.

### **California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap**

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Newsom issued an update on the criteria in which the "Stay at Home" order will be lifted. There are four "stages" to the roadmap (Click [HERE](#) to access the entire presentation). We are currently in "Stage 1: Safety and Preparedness," in which strict safety protocols are enacted (such as the "Stay at Home" order) while the state works to build out testing, PPE, and hospital surge capacity.

Once health officials provide approval, we will move to "Stage 2: Lower Risk Workplaces" in which schools will open with adaptations and enhanced safety protocols and precautions. There was also a suggestion made that schools may plan to open a little earlier than normal (July/August) in order to mitigate the learning loss resulting from the COVID 19 school shutdowns. We are monitoring the Governor's guidance closely, and will adjust our school calendar accordingly if necessary - and only if doing so is safe and in the best interests of our students and their learning.

As it currently stands, the last day of our current school year is June 18<sup>th</sup>; and the first day of the 2020-21 school year set for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. While we have made no decision at this point to change either of those dates, given the unprecedented nature of the school shutdowns and uncertainty over exactly when we will be able to reopen our schools, we are considering several potential options in order to continue to serve your child's learning needs in the most effective way possible.

You will be notified as soon as we have greater clarity from the Governor's Office and local health officials as to when schools are allowed to reopen, and what impact safety procedures and protocols will have on our school schedules. While we may be allowed to reopen schools, it is likely that the

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school day will look much different initially as we implement health department guidelines for safety protocols and procedures.

We understand your desire to know how the upcoming summer months are going to look for your child. Rest assured that we are equally eager for clarity and will have more detailed information to you as soon as we can. In the meantime, as we have done since the school shutdown began, we ask for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Have a safe and healthy weekend.

We deeply appreciate your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Casey Yeazel'.

Casey Yeazel  
Executive Director  
Grimmway Schools



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### **Distance Learning Resources**

Visit your child's specific school website for information on how your child can access their Google Classroom.

Grimmway Academy, Shafter:  
Grimmway Academy, Arvin:

<https://www.gashafter.org/students>  
<https://www.gaarvin.org/students>

Click [HERE](#) for more information on support and trouble-shooting regarding technical issues related to distance learning.

KCSOS "Do the Math" is offering live daily distance learning support for math. Click [HERE](#) for a flyer in both English and Spanish.

### **Meal Service Distribution**

Grimmway Schools will continue to provide "Grab and Go" daily lunches and breakfast to children 18 years and younger.

Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 11 – 1.

### **COVID-19 Prevention resources**

Click [HERE](#) (Spanish, click [HERE](#)) for updates from the CDC on how to protect yourself and others from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The Kern County Public Health Services Department (KCPHSD) has an extremely informative dashboard with data relevant to Kern County. Click [HERE](#) to access.