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**Yolo County Districts Transition Summer School to Distance Learning**

Decision by School Leaders to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Woodland, CA - Yolo County superintendents have concurrently decided to take a safety-first approach and continue the previously announced school closures through the end of summer. Each school district will conduct any summer school or Extended School Year (ESY) instruction under distance learning conditions. The decision was made in consultation with Yolo County Public Health and out of an abundance of caution.

“Our decision to continue with distance learning allows the best opportunity for our schools to plan now and be prepared for the summer,” said Superintendent Garth Lewis. “We believe the decision is a necessary step until we can guarantee proper health conditions have been met.” As announced earlier this week, Yolo County has extended the Shelter in Place Order until May 31.

Yolo County superintendents have also cancelled all in-person graduation ceremonies scheduled for the end of the year. Each school district is exploring alternatives, such as virtual ceremonies or delaying in-person ceremonies, until the Shelter in Place Order has been lifted.

“As a parent myself, I am saddened by the decision but we could not risk the safety and security of our students, parents and their families,” said Superintendent Garth Lewis. “Many school districts are actively looking at alternatives to celebrate our graduates in an appropriate and safe manner.”

On April 2, Yolo County Superintendents formally closed schools for the remainder of the school year and transitioned to distance learning. As of April 20, all school districts had transitioned from in-person instruction to distance learning through new technologies and a variety of resources.
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Parents, students and families will continue to receive updates and information from their school districts regularly through email, by phone and through social media.

The Yolo County Office of Education continues to provide updates on school closures, meal services, and distance learning on the Yolo County Office of Education webpage at: www.ycoe.org.

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