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# Garden Grove Education Association

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## **PRESIDENT COMMUNIQUE #8 COVID-19 Distance Learning 4/17/2020**



Hello All,

Based on zoom meetings/phone calls/ and emails from this week, I have created the following information.

### **Student/Teacher Interaction**

There should be some form of communication occurring between the teacher/student since school closures. The platform being used varies to one’s comfort level. Zoom, Seesaw, Google Classroom, Hangout, Parent Square, email, or having office hours. Calling via phone, \*67, also works as well. Yes, continual learning is important but your student’s mental well-being and just knowing you are there for them is crucial.

### **Distance Learning Expectations for K-6**

The district is working on distance learning expectations for best practices which will include chunking, small and whole group instruction with digital delivery systems. If there are tech issues for students and parents they can contact the GGUSD Help Desk at [AtHomeHelpdesk@ggusd.us](mailto:AtHomeHelpdesk@ggusd.us) - they will need to reference the name of the student’s school in the subject of their email. There are also translators available. If you are a teacher needing assistance with technology and/or training, reach out to an IT TOSA and/or your site TOSA.

## **Final Grading for K-6**

This will be similar to, but not quite the same, as what secondary is in the process of doing. The K-6 principal will meet, via Zoom, with all of their teachers and get input as to how Trimester 3 grading should look, ie. Pass/no pass. Using the information gathered at each site, representative principals and teachers from sites will work with K-6 Director Monica Ibarra-Acosta, Director of Personnel Lisa Swartz, and Asst. Supt. of K-6 Joli Armitage to determine the final grading plan. GGEA's Executive Director Paul Kim and GGEA President Kelly Nolan will sit in on, not participate in, the process.

## **Final Grading for 7-12**

The final grading practice is temporarily being suspended for 1 semester, 1 quarter (right now) in order to develop interim practices per the OCDE and CDE. Similar, but not exactly the same as K-6, Secondary Principals worked with staff to determine which teacher would be their site's representative. Teachers' names would be turned in to Asst. Supt. of 7-12 Kelly McAmis by this Friday, 4/17. Utilizing various guiding resources from California Community Colleges, CSU and UC, this group, along with Asst. Supt. of 7-12 Kelly McAmis, and Director of 7-12 Instruction Lila Jenkins, will work with the teachers and administrators to determine the final grade recommendation for Quarter 4 (7-8) and for Semester 2 (9-12). GGEA Executive Director Paul Kim and GGEA President Kelly Nolan will sit in on, not participate in, the process.

## **Grade Level Chairs K-6/ 7-12 Department Chairs**

Grade level chairs will have two more meetings, via Zoom. Normally the meeting would be from 3:30-5 but due to present day circumstances and feedback, the first meeting will be 4/20 or 4/23 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. and the topic will be about distance learning. Through your grade level collaboration, information received would be disseminated back to your grade level team.

Secondary department chairs are continuing to have their meetings via zoom with shortened times as well.

## **SPED**

The OSE is working on a user friendly distance learning plan that will allow for provision of services during this time of school closure. They have been working with OC legal, district legal, and the CDE. At this time, no one should be spending their own money to purchase signature applications. There were several suggestions as to how signatures could be acquired at the previous zoom meetings and outlined in the "How to Hold IEPs During School Closure" document.

There will be a 7-12 SPED Department Chair meeting on 4/20 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM and a SPED Coordinator meeting on 4/23 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM, both via zoom.

## **Attendance**

During this distance learning time, taking daily attendance is not required by the state and teachers do not need to submit daily attendance. However, there is the expectation of noting which students aren't present &/or engaging and reporting that to your administrator. Each school and the district will provide support to find out why they're not responding. This is an expectation of the state in their distance learning guidelines to

ensure equity and access. Currently the district is at a welfare check stage calling and checking in on families and parents.

**Videoing/Recording Teachers**

At GGEA’s request, the district will send out communication to both parents/students regarding no videoing or recording of their teachers without prior express permission. Recording (audio or video) without permission is illegal and can be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension or referral to DDC, depending on the context. Should a teacher have knowledge of students video/audiotaping their teachers or peers without express prior permission, they are to refer the incident to their principal or assistant principal immediately.

**GGEA has and still will continue its efforts to advocate for the well-being of our members and the students we serve.**

Please share this email with your co-worker members in case they are not receiving this.

~Strength in Unity,

Kelly Nolan  
GGEA President



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***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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