

Extended School Closure
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Good evening VPE bobcats,

Today at an emergency OUSD board meeting it was voted on and approved to **extend the OUSD school closure through May 8th**. I feel like I am going through the stages of grief: denial, anger....moving towards acceptance. In all seriousness it is our new reality and we will get through this together. We have received an abundance of positive feedback and I couldn't be more proud of the work our bobcats have completed this past week and a half. The VPE teachers and staff have been working above and beyond to provide an online learning environment for your students. Each grade level/classroom is at a different stage in their journey, but we are all working towards the same goal. With this extension of closure some of the things we are hoping to add, if not already implemented in your classrooms are: video lessons/collaboration, recorded story time, and ways to interact with classmates. Please be patient with us and give us time to grow our own knowledge of online learning components so we can provide the best environment possible for your students. I truly believe there is always a silver lining when it comes to a challenge. I have already witnessed families spending more time together, taking walks, play board games, and working together on a challenging problems. We will learn and grow from this *hopefully* short period of time in 2020.

Have a wonderful evening with your family. Tell your students we miss them and we are sending virtual bobcat hugs to everyone.

Principal Beggs