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Dear CSB Families and Staff and district partners,

As concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) have risen, my leadership team and I have been working closely with the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD), the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE), and the California Department of Education (CDE). They have kept us up-to-date on the best recommendations for how to keep students and staff safe and continue to conduct school business during this time of uncertainty. In the absence of a directive from ACPHD, we have kept CSB open through today.

I would like to be clear that there have been no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 at CSB. However, after much deliberation and extensive consultation with ACPHD, ACOE, CDE, I have decided that out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, we will be dismissing students and staff from on-campus instruction for the next three weeks, starting on Sunday, March 15 and lasting through Friday, April 3. This decision has been approved by CDE. All other schools in Alameda County will also be closed for the next two to three weeks, as well as schools in many surrounding counties. We will closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and will re-evaluate our return date and keep you informed of any extension to the three-week timeline. In order to minimize disruption to the calendar, we are also considering moving up our Spring Break to the week of March 30 – April 3, although this change will require working with both CDE and Labor Relations so no decision has been made.

While it is with a heavy heart that I announce the temporary closure of CSB, I believe that doing so will allow all students, school staff, and families to do what they need to do to keep themselves healthy, and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. I know this period will be difficult for many of our families, and I thank everyone in the CSB family for your patience and

perseverance. I will do my absolute best to keep everybody informed and safe during these difficult times. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves, your families, and our community.

We will continue to share information and updates throughout the coming weeks in order to support our students and their families as much as possible.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding.

Sincerely,

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