



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
PACIFIC WEST DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
UNIT 15006
APO AP 96271-5006**

April 2, 2020

Dear Pacific West families and employees,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the reopening of DoDEA Pacific West schools. The Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific region, in coordination with U.S. Forces Korea, continues to monitor the local environment with the intent of reopening school facilities when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Due to the current health protection conditions, we will not be able to resume our normal operations on April 13. In order to allow for staff to participate in required professional development, April 13 will be a staff workday and online instruction will not be provided. Virtual learning will resume on April 14.

The decision to continue the closure of Pacific West school facilities was made after much discussion with U.S. Forces Korea leadership and is based solely on the conditions here in Korea. We will continue to provide our Pacific West families with regular communication regarding the reopening of schools.

The health and wellness of our school community remains my priority. For your safety and the safety of our community, please review and adhere to the HPCON-C/C+/installation safety guidance issued by our local military installation leaders.

As we work to ensure the appropriate measures are in place for the safe reopening of school facilities, our teachers will continue to provide quality virtual instruction to students. Please reach out to your student's teacher or principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding online learning.

We appreciate your ongoing support and flexibility during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JA", written over a white background.

Dr. Jeff Arrington
Superintendent