



SWTA Update as of Tuesday, March 24, 2020 @ 6PM

Today SWTA President Vanessa Barrera, SWTA Bargaining Chair Brenda Robles, and CTA Staff Helen Farias met with the SBUSD bargaining team to negotiate impacts and effects of the COVID19 Pandemic.

The district shared their intention to begin distance learning as early as 4/13/20, with the first week back from break being devoted to training and preparation; however, no formal proposal was presented to SWTA's team. SWTA expressed numerous concerns related to distance learning, including student and employee access to technology, resources, and materials. The District and SWTA agreed issues of equity are a huge concern, as well as ensuring students and staff feel supported and as prepared as possible given the challenges and uncertainty of this time.

SWTA formally requested documentation of the District's safety plan, including specifically a pandemic response plan.

We will video conference again on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**, and expect further clarification, and are hopeful we can reach agreement on a short term MOU addressing specific concerns around working during the COVID 19 pandemic, including, but not limited, to issues around distance learning. SWTA remains committed to ensuring South Bay students have the best educational opportunities possible because our students are at the center of everything we do.

The bargaining team is asking that you please answer the following survey related to your specific distance learning concerns and needs. **Please complete this survey by Friday, March 27 by 4:00 p.m., as time is of the essence.** [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)