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ALEJANDRO RUVALCABA, Superintendent

August 2, 2021

Dear Rosemead Families,

We hope you are having a great summer, sharpening the saw, and taking some last minute vacation time before for the new school year.

Our district team has been busy recruiting new team members, providing summer nutritional services for students, modernizing our schools, upgrading technology, conducting maintenance, and preparing for the new school year. As previously shared, we are planning for the return of full in-person instruction in the fall. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LACDPH) have all provided guidance that students should return for in person instruction with modified health guidelines. These guidelines include the following:

- Use of facial coverings (face masks) at all times while indoors
- Staff and student daily health self-screening
- Adherence to personal hygienic practices such as frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
- Staying home when sick
- COVID-19 response testing
- Expanded classroom and campus cleanliness procedures

State and local guidance also indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirement when other mitigation strategies, outlined above, are in place. As you are well aware, health guidance is subject to change as our health partners continue to monitor COVID-19. We will continue to keep you updated via parent updates and information on our district website, <u>https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/</u>.

For the 2021-2022 school year only, school districts in California must offer an independent study option for students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction. The independent study program option is not the same as distance learning or hybrid learning. Students in independent study complete work on their own, at home, with routine support and guidance from their independent study teacher. To learn more about our independent study program option, please visit the following website, https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/79. We will also be hosting parent information sessions for interested families on *Friday*, August 6 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom:

To Join the Zoom Meeting Visit:

https://zoom.us/j/98603725067?pwd=UUlhbFU4eE5OZ0o2czIwbHpRR0V4QT09 Meeting ID: 986 0372 5067 / Passcode: 7habits

In the coming days, you will receive specific information from your school site(s) regarding welcome back events, parent orientations, and class/teacher assignments. You may also contact us at our district office (626) 312-2900, for more information. Lastly, if you know of a family new to our district, please let them know that we are eager to meet them and enroll our new students into our wonderful school district.

We wish you a wonderful rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing all of our students in-person for the first day of school *Wednesday*, *August 18*, 2021.

Respectfully,

Alex Ruvalcaba

Superintendent