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ALEJANDRO RUVALCABA, Superintendent

July 26, 2022

Dear Rosemead Families,

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

Our district team has had a very busy summer. We held a very successful summer enrichment program and camp that served over 500 students. We have also been recruiting new team members, providing summer nutritional services for students, modernizing our schools, upgrading technology, improving school safety, conducting regular maintenance, and preparing for the new school year.

As I am sure you are aware, we are planning for full in-person instruction at all schools and programs 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 can safely continue in-person instruction with modified health guidelines. These guidelines include the following:

- Currently, the use of face masks in indoor spaces is strongly recommended. Our County Department of Public Health has informed us that there is a very high likelihood that mandatory indoor masking will be required in school settings very soon. Students and families should be prepared to use face masks in indoor school settings to begin the school year.
- 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 symptomatic and response testing.
- Continued classroom and campus cleanliness procedures.

As an added precaution, we will be distributing COVID home test kits to all students during registration. Each test kit contains two tests. We ask that all students take one of the tests Tuesday, August 16, 2022. The second test should be administered on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Students who test positive must isolate themselves at home and report their positive test result to their school immediately.

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, https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/.

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 17, 2022.

Respectfully,

Alex Ruvalcaba
Superintendent