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Greetings Rosemead Families,

Over the last several weeks, we have happily welcomed back students who selected the hybrid learning model for in-person instruction with our last group of students returning on April 19. Nothing has been more rewarding over the last year than seeing the happy faces of our amazing young scholars in person. Regardless of the masks, their excitement at being back on campus shone through. Thank you for your patience over the last year. As we continue to navigate the return to normal in our school district, I wanted to share some important updates as follows:

Instructional Model Changes – The space in our in-person hybrid model is quickly filling up. Parents who desire a change in their child's instructional model may contact their school principal for assistance. We will continue to provide Distance Learning through the end of the school year to all families who chose that model.

Summer Programs – We are working to finalize our in-person summer school, extended year, and day camp programs. The details of our programs and invitations will be sent out very soon. We hope you will take advantage of these extended learning opportunities for our students.

Fall Schedules – As COVID case rates in our area continue to decline, we are hopeful that our return to school in the fall will be full in-person learning. We are also looking at options for parents who may want to continue in a virtual Distance Learning model. More information on this will be shared soon.

Enrollment – We continue to enroll students for this year and next year. Please help us share this news with neighbors and family members with school age children. Information on enrollment can be found at the following link, https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488.

Promotion Ceremonies – As a result of lower COVID case rates, we are happy to share that we will be able to host end of year promotion ceremonies as allowed by our county department of public health. Our school sites are working to develop options and plans that will be shared with you very soon. These options include walk through parades and traditional in-person ceremonies with virtual online viewing. All of our ceremonies must adhere to public health guidelines which include wearing of face masks, physical distancing, limited seating, and health screenings.

Health and Safety Protocols – You may be aware that the national Center for Disease Control recently issued new guidance regarding relaxed safety requirements for fully vaccinated individuals. Please know that our district will continue to require our local safety requirements for all individuals which include wearing of face masks, physical distancing, frequent hand washing/hand sanitization, and health screenings. We feel strongly that these measures have helped prevent outbreaks in our schools and have kept our students and staff safe.

Lastly, it is important to share that the academic and co-curricular program we offered this year would not have been possible without the hard work of our amazing Rosemead staff. As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3 - 7, and Classified School Employee Week, May 16 - 22, I hope you will take a moment to thank our support staff and teachers for all they do for our students.

Respectfully,

Alejandro Ruvalcaba

Superintendent of Schools