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Manuela Colom
Executive Director

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We know the last several months have been challenging for everyone as we have adjusted to the changes that have occurred as a result of COVID-19. We hope that you and your family have been well during this time.

With the release of guidance on reopening schools by the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education you may be wondering what this means for our district. We are carefully reviewing the information and consulting with San Diego County public health officials and the San Diego County Office of Education to see how the statewide guidance will be applied locally, recognizing we must be flexible as health conditions and health orders change.

The 2020-21 school year is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 17th. You can find the calendar on our website at the following link: <https://www.sysdschools.org/domain/55>. We are anxious to reopen schools, but we must do so in a way that is safe for our students and staff. After all, we can't accelerate learning, promote instructional continuity, and address social-emotional and mental health without ensuring physical health.

While much is uncertain, we know that we will only move forward when we have a plan that best serves our students and staff. To that end we have deployed a task force to recommend a plan for reopening our schools. The task force includes parents, teachers, classified staff and administrators.

As we work to finalize the details of this plan we want to let you know that it will include a blended learning model of instruction. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of an option for 100% distance learning, with limited space, for families who want to maintain distance learning for personal or health reasons. As soon as we have finalized that plan, we will communicate the details with you.

We will be reaching out to families who have completed registration, to determine their individual needs. This information will help us in planning for the needs of all of our families. So, if you have not already completed registration please do so promptly, via the link on the district homepage,

<https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>. This will ensure that we are able to place your child in the preferred program when school resumes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We will continue to communicate regularly as we learn new information. In the meantime, please contact Educational Services with any questions.

Sincerely,



Manuela Colom
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and



Cynthia Monreal Gonzalez
Director of Education Services