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Good evening Buena Park Families,

Last Tuesday, September 8, 2020, the CA Department of Public Health announced that Orange County had successfully made the jump to the less restrictive “red tier” on the state’s color-coded system for tracking COVID-19 progress. That means certain businesses like indoor restaurants, shopping centers, salons, and gyms can reopen with restrictions, while other sectors may be allowed to expand their operations. Orange County is required to remain in the red tier for two consecutive weeks before school campuses can reopen unless the school is an elementary institution that has secured a waiver. Assuming OC’s data remains in the red tier range or dips to a less restrictive tier, local K-12 schools will be eligible to reopen with physical distancing and other safety measures in place on Sept. 22. However, it does not mean schools must open as soon as possible as the decision to reopen is made at the local level by the Governing Board. In the meantime, we will continue to collaborate with the North Orange County school districts on a possible return date with ample communication.

With that being said, last week we sent a survey inquiring about preferences for your children to move into a hybrid model or stay in the distance learning model. Thank you for completing the survey. We are in the process of reviewing the results and will make them available on our website next Monday, September 21, 2020. The survey data will assist the district in planning for the next phase of our Reopening Plan for those who wish to return to in-person instruction. To view information regarding the Reopening Plan or the Reopening Plan Guidebook, please visit our website at www.bpsd.us.

Once again, thank you for your patience, and thank you for your continuous support as we partner to educate our children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramon Miramontes
Superintendent