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Good evening Buena Park Families,

At the September 28, 2020, Governing Board meeting, the Board of Education discussed a possible timeline with dates to consider for a return to in-person instruction. As we continue the conversation about returning to school and continuing to plan for the return of in-person instruction, our student's and staff's health and safety continue to be our number one priority. **Please note, at this time, the Board of Education has not set a date for the return of in-person instruction.** Our continued partnership with families during this distance learning phase helps to ensure our student and staff's health. We appreciate your commitment to your student's success.

The health climate within Orange County and the city of Buena Park continue improving. As you may be aware, the state recently introduced a color-coded framework for monitoring COVID-19 progress by county, with revised criteria for easing and tightening restrictions on businesses, activities, and schools. At the introduction of this new framework, Orange County was in the purple (widespread) tier and is currently in the red (substantial) tier. We remain hopeful the county will move into the orange (moderate) tier soon. Things are slowly appearing to improve however, we understand that not everyone may be ready to return to in-person instruction. Please, know that we are committed to supporting whatever you decide works best for your family.

We thank the parents who completed the recent survey on returning to in-person learning. The data provided from the nearly 70% sampling resulted in similar data for all school sites. The data shows 47% of those who completed the survey wish to remain in the distance learning instructional model. In comparison, 53% indicated a preference for the in-person instruction model. Regardless of when the district returns to in-person instruction, the decision of when or if your student(s) returns for in-person instruction is entirely your decision.

Next week principals will be posting information on their school websites related to the health and safety of our students and staff upon returning to instruction on campus. Please be on the lookout for this information and be sure to review the message. To properly plan for the return of in-person instruction and ensure that we meet the needs of all students, principals will be asking parents to complete a *Commitment Card*, via ParentSquare, indicating their preference for instruction. Again, the decision on whether your student(s) remains in distance learning or returns to school for in-person instructions is entirely up to you.

In either instructional delivery model, there may be a possibility that the class roster will need to be reorganized. There is also a possibility of teacher reassignment and/or a schedule change. We will continue to communicate developments in planning with you so that you may make the best decision for your student(s) and family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramon Miramontes
Superintendent