March 5, 2021

To Staff and the Twin Rivers School Community,

From Rio Linda to Foothill Farms to North Highlands and Del Paso Heights, our youngest learners throughout the District are heading back to the classroom! **The first day of in-person teaching and learning for our PK-6th grade students is Tuesday, April 6, after spring break.**

How exciting to be able to welcome back students to the classroom for the first time in over a year!

With safety our first priority, the reopening is a gradual phased-in approach—PK-6 students in small cohorts will attend class in-person two days a week AND attend class virtually two days a week. For those who opt not to return, students will continue in distance learning. By now, you should have received a message from your child’s school indicating the schedule for their assigned cohort and classroom seating confirmation. Please contact your school immediately if you do not have that information. All school site administrators will return to their campuses five days a week starting Monday, March 8. Teachers and other certificated staff will return Monday, March 22.

If you’re wondering about our 7-12 students, they cannot return to in-person learning at this time because Sacramento County remains in the Purple Tier. However, we are ready to move quickly when the county gives us the green light for our older students to return, too.

**The Road to Reopening**

If you haven’t already, please read our [Road to Reopening](#) plan before April 6. You should also review the [Student Hybrid Return to School Update](#) that staff presented at the March 3 special school board meeting. It covers everything from the instructional model to campus and classroom preparation, and health and safety preparations.

Let’s not forget that April 6 will not be a traditional first-day opening. We are reopening in a very new way due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students, staff and all visitors must wear masks. Campuses have designated walking paths. Desks are six feet apart, and we have PPE (personal protective equipment) kits for every classroom.

Like you, I’m eager for April 6 to arrive. We miss our students and will bring more of them (7-12) back when we can.
This is a great step forward, and it’s crucial for us to build on this momentum and not get complacent. Please remind your students the importance of social distancing, wearing their masks correctly and washing their hands frequently. There is light at the end of the tunnel. Let’s work together, support one another and continue to stay focused to get there.

All the best,

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Every Student, Every Day. Leaving No One Behind!