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Greetings!

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I hope that this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your summer break. I know that some of you have just finished with summer programs and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for working so hard and providing such a great program for our students. The summer program was a great success and credit recovery is still going strong.

As we get closer to the beginning of the academic year, we wanted to provide some more information about the fall reopening. As we have previously stated, we are preparing for a full, in-person reopening. On July 6th, we were notified that there will be the option for independent study with synchronous and asynchronous instruction for those students who have a medical need. Anyone requesting independent study will need to do so individually at the District Office through the Educational Services Department. It is still unclear how or at what time during the day any students in need of this service will be served. Once we get more detailed information, we will pass it along to everyone.

Safety protocols will remain in place in the form of masks being required indoors, hand sanitizer and PPE being used, and disinfectant protocols being followed when cleaning all high traffic areas including classrooms, lounges, offices, restrooms, and all surfaces. We are unclear about student to teacher ratios or distancing. Again, once we have more information we will pass it along.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know that we are in the process of ordering classroom supplies, so please make sure that your site secretaries have a list of what you need for August. Please, if you need supplies, turn in a list. We would like for everyone to avoid spending any of their own money. If you have any questions, please contact your site as each site has their own budget for supplies and if there are further questions, the site administrator can reach out to the District office for assistance.

The end of July and beginning of August will also have many different trainings that were arranged either on an individual basis or through District Office, please keep track of what you attend and when so that pay can be processed efficiently. An over contract form should be turned into your site office on the appropriate dates.

As we look forward to our 2021-2022 school year, we are prepared to support our students and staff with whatever they may need as we return to in-person teaching and learning environments. This past year was full of many challenges but as a team, we

made it through. We will continue to move forward and ensure that our students are well prepared to face any hurdles they may encounter on this academic journey.

The focus this year will be to provide our teachers with the most efficient curricular programs. We are adopting a new Phonics Curriculum (Kindergarten and 1st grade), Social Science, and Science (PLTW- 6-12) curriculum. In addition to these new programs, teachers will also receive professional development to ensure they are well supported during the implementation process. There are other curriculums, especially for electives, we are exploring and will be asking teachers for input in upcoming adoption meetings.

We know that everyone has questions about what the fall will look like. We have the ability to return to distance learning if the CDE and Governor determine that we must. At this time, we anticipate and are planning to return to full on site instruction. Again we will need to continue to wear masks, social distance when feasible, and use our self-screening tool daily. Visitors on campus will be limited to only essential personnel. We will all have to be vigilant and report any illness, adult or student, to the school Principal and then the District office. If you have more specific questions about safety protocols, including cleaning, please see the COVID Prevention Plan on the District website or speak to your Principal. Each site will review the plan at the first staff meeting of the year.

We will have some bumps in the road, but we will work them out. For now we will proceed with caution and keep everyone's safety and wellbeing at the forefront of our decision making process.

We look forward to seeing everyone during the welcome back breakfast, but until then, please enjoy the remainder of your summer break.

Dr. Katherine Aguirre, Superintendent