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To: CAL SD Parents and Patrons
Subject: CAL Schools Opening Status

Introduction

Please read the contents of this letter carefully. Opening Applegate Elementary School safely and keeping it open will depend on the faithful execution of district health and safety protocols and the efforts of parents to make sure that kids are healthy when sent to school.

Make no mistake, there are risks associated with opening under the revised School Opening Metric, especially prior to the delivery of the vaccines. Should a COVID-19 exposure or outbreak cause classes at Applegate to be suspended, personal safety will be at risk, learning will be interrupted and could adversely affect online learning, and it will certainly delay progress toward opening Crow Middle / High School which will depend on Applegate being COVID-free.

It takes up to six (6) weeks for the vaccine regimen to reach maximum COVID-19 protection AFTER receiving the first dose. To their collective credit, the Applegate staff wants to get a jump-start on seeing kids in-person without yet knowing when that first dose might be delivered. Therefore, the safety of all and the success of this plan will require a community effort.

When Students Should Stay Home

It is important that students who show symptoms of illness such as headache, rash, vomiting, or diarrhea should be kept at home. If symptoms persist longer than one day, consider consulting with your medical provider. These symptoms are not primary COVID-19 symptoms, but they are subject to exclusion and may result in transmission to other persons. Students may return with a note from the provider or 24 hours after symptoms/fever clear without the use of medication.

If a child has at least one of the primary COVID-19 symptoms: **fever of 100.4 or above, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell** (without contact with COVID-19 case), he/she should stay home, and parents are advised to contact their medical provider.

If a child has at least one of the primary COVID-19 symptoms AND been in contact with a COVID-19 case in the previous 14 days, he/she should isolate at home. Parents are advised to contact their medical provider. Quarantine is recommended for 14 days, and the student should not return until symptoms improve and there is no fever for at least 24 hours.



**Please put this on
your refrigerator!!**

The Applegate In-Person Opening Plan

Start Date/Time: 8:00am, Wednesday, January 27, 2021

In-Person Schedule for All Grades: 8:00am to 12:30pm Monday through Thursday*

K-3 Students will attend daily (Mon-Thur) as assigned in stable cohorts, 8:00am to 12:30pm.

Students in grades 4-6 will attend in stable cohorts on alternating days.

Cohort A will attend on Monday and Wednesday, 8:00am to 12:30pm.

Cohort B will attend on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00am to 12:30pm.

Schedule for Distance Learning Students: Afternoons, Monday through Thursday*

Start/Stop times will be determined by teachers. NOTE: Class times will vary by teacher.

*Fridays are non-student days and will be used for staff planning/ grading for both in-person and online classes, staff scheduled interventions and support for individual, parent/family communication, etc.

Adjustments to this plan may change as conditions warrant. Should there be contact with a COVID-19 case, contact tracing may dictate that groups of individuals including entire cohorts may be required to quarantine. An outbreak will require temporary school closure.

Important Notes

Parents/Visitors will not be permitted inside the school (except the office). Transactions may be limited during arrival and dismissal times. A mail slot is available for drop off.

Face Coverings (masks) are required. Shields without a face covering are not permitted. Students should have a clean mask each day. We have replacement coverings if necessary.

School supplies will be provided by the school. Personal belongings should be left at home. Students may bring a backpack with their textbook(s), Chromebook and charger (if issued).

Arrival – Please do not drop students off before 8:00am and stay in vehicle until reaching the yellow ramp by the office. Maintain physical distancing while entering the building for screening.

Dismissal – Students will stay in classrooms until excused, bus riders first, at 12:30pm through the main entrance. Parents should line up behind the buses along the curb (paved driveway). Children must enter parent vehicles from the sidewalk. Please be patient and expect delays.

Meals – Purchased meals are “sack lunch” style. Breakfast is free for all students. All meals will be eaten in classrooms. If your child brings lunch, send food that is easy-to-open and doesn’t require heating. Classrooms do not have access to microwave ovens.