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Dear Hueneme Community:

The County of Ventura today announced a new goal of providing school employees with the opportunity to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of March, which is significantly sooner than had originally been anticipated. This is great news! As of today, employees in the education sector may register to be vaccinated through available vaccination appointments with the County of Ventura. In addition, blocks of vaccination appointments are being set aside that will be reserved specifically for HESD staff.

The case and positivity rates also continue to drop across Ventura County and in the HESD zip codes, which have consistently been higher than the rest of the County. As the rates continue to drop, specifically in the HESD zip codes, and school staff become vaccinated, we are getting closer to being able to welcome students in our hybrid learning model back to school, in-person. We are ready to submit our new COVID-19 Safety Plan that is required to be reviewed by the county and state prior to opening for in-person learning. While we already had a COVID-19 Safety Plan, new guidance was issued that required a new, updated plan. We are also evaluating our reopening timeline and criteria and will share information as it becomes available.

We are extremely thankful for our partnership with Ventura County Public Health and Ventura County Office of Education and appreciate the accelerated prioritization of vaccination distribution to our district employees. The administration of vaccines to our school staff will provide a new, vital measure of safety to our school campuses as we look towards in-person instruction.

With much gratitude,

Dr. Christine Walker
Superintendent

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