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January 15, 2021

Dear CSD Parents,

As we settle back in after winter break and move into these last weeks of the second trimester, we want to provide you with a brief update on COVID-19 developments in our state, county and district.

On December 30, 2020, Gov. Newsom proposed his "Safe Schools for All" plan that incentivizes California elementary schools to reopen for in-person instruction as soon as February or March. Elementary schools in counties with fewer than 28 positive coronavirus cases per 100,000 population per day would be allowed to open for in person K-6 instruction once they have an approved "Safe Schools for All" plan. The plan as currently proposed, would include mandatory face coverings, distancing, and regular asymptomatic testing for all staff and students. The plan requires legislative approval, and thus is subject to potentially significant changes. We look forward to learning the specific details and requirements as they become available.

San Bernardino County continues to be in the highest "widespread risk" Purple tier. Our County's positive rate per 100,000 continues to be over 100, and far exceeds the Governor's newly proposed requirement of 28 for a safe reopening. The county is currently distributing vaccinations to health care professionals, first responders and persons over 65 as Phase IA of a 4 Phase program. School employees will be offered vaccinations as part of the IB group as soon as Phase IA is complete. You can access the website for continued updates regarding COVID in our county at <https://sbcovid19.com/>. We look forward to partnering with our county in any way possible to accelerate the distribution of vaccines to our school employees.

In Central School District we continue to monitor all information coming from both State and County officials and are working to update our reopening plans according to all new guidelines and requirements. This week we had to make the difficult decision to temporarily suspend our Kid Central Child Care Program until further notice as Coronavirus cases in our county surge. With this said, we are moving forward with our plans for a safe reopening just as soon as it is legally allowed and safe to do so.

As educators, we feel and know the social and emotional impacts that have occurred for all of us, as well as the disruption to learning for our students during this prolonged online experience. We want nothing more than to see our students back in our classrooms where they belong as soon as possible. We also know that our staff and students' safety must remain our top priority. These are difficult times, and I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all our school staff and families for your ongoing support and commitment to do the best we can for our students. It is the way our school community always rises to the occasion by working together on behalf of our students that makes us one of the best districts in the state.

Sincerely,

*Donna Libutti*

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Superintendent