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Dear Central School District Families,

While we wait for our legislative leaders to act on Senate Bill 86 that will provide schools with the most current guidance and requirements for school reopening, I would like to provide you with an update of what we know at this time.

We have submitted our School Reopening Plan, which includes the COVID Prevention Program (CPP) and Guidance Check List <https://bit.ly/3dLLauu> to San Bernardino County Schools, SB County Department of Public Health and the state as required in Governor Newsom's December proposal. The plan outlines the safety precautions, facility enhancements, and procedures for COVID testing, record keeping and reporting that our District will implement to ensure the ongoing health and safety well-being of our staff and students. Each school in our District has created a Pandemic Response Team to oversee the implementation of the CPP. This team of school personnel is currently meeting regularly at each site to ensure all components of the plan are in place for a safe reopening.

The most recent data regarding COVID-19 infection rates in San Bernardino are currently at 14.3 per 100,000. Although San Bernardino County remains in the purple tier, the case rate is trending downward daily. We are optimistic that we may see rates of below 8 in just a few weeks' time, which will move us into the red tier. In addition, as of this coming Monday, 100% of our employees have been provided the opportunity to receive their first vaccination dose.

With good news about case rates, vaccines for all district employees and a comprehensive plan for reopening safety protocols in place, we have begun to take the necessary steps to reopen our schools for in person instruction. Although at this time under the State's guidance we are not yet able to open our middle schools, we are hopeful that the downward trend in case rates will continue so that we can open middle schools as well. Since we have a two-week Spring Break scheduled for March 22 through April 2, and our employees will have completed their vaccinations at that time, we are planning for an April 5th start date for our transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, first and second grade students districtwide. Grades 3 through 8 will be phased in as soon as possible after this first reopening date.

Our in-person instruction model uses a blended learning approach in which students will attend school in person Tuesday through Friday for three hours a day during their assigned AM or PM session, and complete an additional hour of asynchronous learning at home. Mondays will be asynchronous instruction

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to be completed independently at home. This approach will reduce the number of students in our classrooms at one time, allowing us to implement all required safety measures including physical distancing. If your student will not be returning to school when we reopen this school year and you choose to have your child finish the current school year in a Distance Learning Program, please register your student here [2020-21 Continued Distance Learning Registration](#) by Friday, March 5th.

We are so excited to be planning for our students' return!! Just the thought of eager and excited children sitting in our classrooms where they belong, laughing and learning together again gives this superintendent goosebumps. Please look for updates regarding reopening dates, school schedules and safety requirements coming from both myself and your school principal in the upcoming weeks.

We appreciate the patience and support of our school community as we have navigated this COVID-19 Pandemic together. We look forward to continuing to work with our families to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment as we make this vital transition for our children back to our school classrooms.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Libutti

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Superintendent