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March 3, 2021

Dear Central School District Families,

The most recent data regarding COVID-19 infection rates in San Bernardino are currently at 8.11 per 100,000. Although San Bernardino County remains in the purple tier, the case rate is trending downward daily and we are optimistic that we may see rates of below 8 before the end of this month, which will move us into the red tier.

We are currently taking the necessary steps to reopen our schools for in person instruction using a blended learning model that will reduce the number of students in our classrooms at one time, allowing us to implement all required safety measures including physical distancing.

As you know, our two-week Spring Break is scheduled for March 22nd through April 2nd, with school resuming for students on April 5th. The following is our updated reopening timeline/schedule for all grades:

TK-6th grade:

Beginning April 5th students in grades TK-6 will return to school for in person instruction using the following blended learning schedule:

Mondays- 4 hours of asynchronous instruction at home

Tuesday-Friday – 3 hours of in person instruction at school in either an AM or PM session with an additional hour of asynchronous instruction at home each day.

AM schedule for students at the elementary will be 8:00 to 11:00 and at the middle school 7:50 to 10:50.

PM schedule for students at the elementary will be 12:00 to 3:00 and at the middle school 11:50 to 2:50.

School principals will assign students at their schools to either an AM or PM session using several criteria including but not limited to alphabetical split, siblings in other grades and schools and other student program needs.

7th and 8th grade:

Students in grades 7 and 8 will begin their blended learning instructional schedule with current classes and teachers remotely April 5th through April 9th. Beginning April 12th 7th and 8th grade students will return to school for in person instruction with the same classes and teachers according to the following schedule:

Mondays- 4 hours of asynchronous instruction at home

Tuesday-Friday – 3 hours of in person instruction at school in either an AM or PM session with an additional hour of asynchronous instruction at home each day.

Distance Learning:

All students interested in continuing in a Distance Learning program for the remainder of the school year should fill out an interest form here: [2020-21 Continued Distance Learning Registration](#) no later than Friday, March 5th. You will be contacted in the next two weeks regarding the details of the program. All Distance Learning students will begin their program on April 5th according to the following schedule:

Mondays- 4 hours of asynchronous instruction at home

Tuesday-Friday – 3 hours of synchronous remote instruction in either an AM or PM session with an additional hour of asynchronous instruction each day.

AM schedule for students at the elementary will be 8:00 to 11:00 and at the middle school 7:50 to 10:50.

PM schedule for students at the elementary will be 12:00 to 3:00 and at the middle school 11:50 to 2:50.

I know that you share in my excitement and hope for these last months of the 2020-2021 school year. There is no doubt that there are many details to work out over the next two weeks as we all work to prepare ourselves, our students and our schools to return to our classrooms after a full year of distance learning. I pray that we can all take a deep breath, do the best that we can, believe that others are doing the best that they can and work together through any challenges that come our way. I am confident that the joy and relief that we and our students will feel once we are learning together in person again will far outweigh the obstacles we are having to overcome today. Please look for more detailed information coming from your school principal soon. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support. We appreciate you and can't wait to see your children!

Sincerely,

Donna L. Libutti

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Superintendent

Next Steps:

You can expect the following things to happen over the next two weeks as we prepare our staff and schools for the return of students:

- Distance Learning schedules will remain the same for all students through March 19th.
- Teachers will begin to talk to the students in their classrooms about the upcoming changes.
- Students will be on Spring Break from March 19th through April 4th.
- Blended Learning schedules (AM/PM sessions) will begin for All students on Monday, April 5th.
- All grades will have asynchronous instruction (assigned by the teacher on March 19th) on Monday April 5th.
- On Tuesday, April 6th TK-6 grade students will begin in person instruction.
- On Tuesday, April 6th through April 9th, 7th and 8th grade students will continue with remote learning using the new blended learning schedule (AM/PM sessions).
- On Tuesday, April 13th 7th and 8th grade students will begin in person instruction.
- The District is currently organizing and registering students for the Continued Distance Learning (CDL) Program. CDL families will receive details before Spring Break.
- Students will be assigned to either an AM or PM session for in person instruction based on an alphabetical split, siblings in other grades or schools and special student programs. Parents will be notified about their student's schedule by their school principal before Spring Break.
- Special education staff is communicating scheduling of services according to each individual student's IEP.
- School Pandemic Response Teams are currently evaluating and implementing all required safety protocols as outlined in the District's [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#).
- Food Service is currently preparing procedures to ensure student lunches will continued to be served.
- Student drop off and pick up procedures are currently being planned and will be communicated to families before April 5th.
- Please look for additional information coming from your school principal.