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Dear Staff, Students and Community Members,

Last Thursday, July 29, 2021, Governor Brown announced that masks will be required in all K-12 schools this fall. This announcement came as a surprise to many of the superintendents around the state. Districts have been operating and making plans believing that all precautionary measures would be under local control. As a result of this shift, the superintendents and school leaders in the region would like to respond collaboratively to the shift to mandatory masks.

We, as a collective group have written a letter to Governor Brown requesting a return to advisory guidance for the use of masks and allowing us to continue our partnerships with our local public health agencies and to make the best decisions for our respective communities. All of our districts have taken measures to ensure the safety of our children and staff, as evidenced by our ability to keep schools open in most of our districts.

Please know, our first priority is the health and safety our students. As a group, we will continue to lobby for local decision-making.

We ask for your patience and support as we work through these issues and plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

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