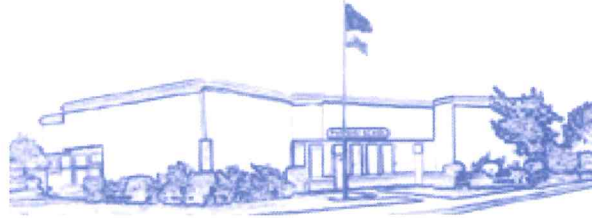


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March 10, 2022

**Paradise Families:**

Our Board met on Wednesday, March 9 and approved the new guidelines set forth by the Governor and the State of California. Starting **Monday, March 14**, you will be able to decide whether your child will wear a mask indoors at school. We will support either decision.

To limit the spread, we will continue our current schedule at school which keeps students in their grade-level pods. Our plan is to do that until we are out of the “Mask Highly Recommended Phase”. Our hope is to come out of that phase by the end of April, which will then allow us to end the school year in a more normal fashion and begin the next school year as normal as possible.

As a reminder, we may still need to wear masks on field trips or at other facilities based on what decisions have been made by the people who operate their facilities. We will be good guests under those circumstances and wear masks during those times. We will continue to provide masks for those who want/need them until a time at which we run out of masks.

The protocol for testing and quarantine is still in place and we will continue to fight the spread of the virus on our campus. We will continue our current practice of providing tests for our students who may have come in direct contact with someone who has the virus such as a family member or close, personal friend. Please do not request a test unless your child is exhibiting symptoms. Our tests are limited and we would run out if everyone wanted to test just to check.

Thank you for your continued support of Paradise Elementary School. We have done a great job of battling through this thus far and hopefully the end of the Pandemic is near.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Heath Thomason". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Heath Thomason