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Dear Parents and Stakeholders,

I am so excited to welcome your child/children back to school for the 2020-21 school year. Our students have been greatly missed and we want them back in school with us. Even though this year will start differently than any other year in memory, I am confident it's going to be an amazing year in every way. It's going to be a year where students are kept safe and supported in learning at high levels. Much work has gone into being prepared for this year. District administration has reached out to parents, students, employees, health departments, and state and tribal departments in an effort to build a successful student re-entry plan. When schools/teachers, students, parents, and stakeholders work together, students learn best, and our collaboration efforts were at an all-time high to end the year last May. Let's continue to build strong school/home partnerships to best support our students. I express appreciation to parents for all you do to support your child's/children's educational goals. Your help is greatly valued.

With great enthusiasm, I wish to announce the SJSD 2020-21 Student Re-entry Plan. This plan will be reevaluated in December and changes will be made as appropriate. While I hope we have all students in schools this Fall, I do believe that at difficult times like these, parents are best prepared to make decisions regarding their child's educational setting. This plan is being provided to help parents make that important decision for their child. The plan will outline all the protocols and precautions being taken at schools to ensure students are safe and ready to learn at high levels. These protocols will focus on hygiene etiquette, social distancing where possible, staff and students wearing masks when social distancing is not possible, increasing sanitizing efforts, and having students and staff stay home when sick. In addition, the plan will explain the three instructional delivery options which provide parental choice flexibility. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the specifics of this plan. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's local school's principal who has been designated as the COVID 19 resource officer for the school.

Again, thank you for your support and collaboration in striving for high levels of learning for your child. Together we can accomplish so much more, so please start by going to your school's webpage and taking the time to register your child/children. Let's make 2020-21 the greatest year ever!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron T. Nielson', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Ron Nielson
Superintendent of Schools