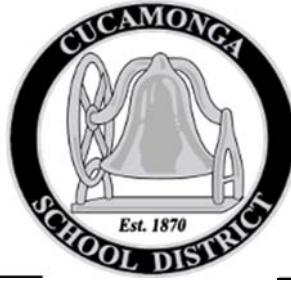


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Dear Cucamonga School District Parents and Families:

I hope you have been able to stay safe and healthy this summer. In preparation for our first day of school on August 7th, we anticipated families in the Cucamonga School District selecting one of two learning opportunities – either a **hybrid model** (blended, two-days in-school and virtual learning) or a **total virtual learning model** (Virtual Learning Academy). As we reviewed the parent survey results, it indicated that a majority (55%-70%) of parents prefer a **hybrid model** and approximately 30%-45% who, due to health concerns, prefer a **total virtual learning model or homeschool-independent study type program** to begin the school year.

Our goal has been, and remains, to fully open our schools for all students **as soon as it is safe to do so**. However, it has become increasingly apparent that we are several weeks away from that happening. Through regular meetings and communication with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (SBCDPH), we know there has been a surge in COVID-19 virus incidence rates within our immediate Cucamonga School District boundaries.

As a result of the recent increase, it has been communicated to me by the San Bernardino County Health Officer that she supports the decision to begin the school year in a 100% virtual learning model until students can safely transition back to a hybrid model.

While students will be engaged in temporary virtual learning instruction to begin the year, our campuses will begin to reopen as incidence numbers begin to stabilize. At that time, we will begin to implement our hybrid model (blended, two-days in-school and virtual learning) as well as keeping our virtual learning academy in place for families who prefer to receive instruction at home.

The District will provide the instructional materials students need including: a Chromebook, Surface, or I-Pad, and access to reliable Internet services. Each school will contact students to schedule any needed distribution of the 2020-2021 school year's instructional items. All students will have access to *ACELLUS*, our new on-line learning program that supports distance and blended learning instructional models. Additionally, we will prioritize access to mental health, social and emotional learning, and other support services for our students.

Although school will open in a *virtual learning* scenario for all students, compulsory education laws will apply in 2020-21. Students must engage in school daily, comply with attendance procedures, demonstrate mastery of grade-level content taught to earn grades, and spend the requisite time necessary to achieve good grades.

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Students with unique or additional needs will be provided with the services and accommodations they need to be successful.

We know the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on our daily lives is disruptive and challenging as it continues to present our families with unthinkable dilemmas and worries. Our goal is to continue to provide each of our students with the best possible educational opportunities while prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff under these circumstances. In the coming days, your principal will provide additional details regarding school operations and instructions.

Thank you for responding to our parent survey and providing valuable input during these unprecedented times. We look forward to fully reopening our schools when it is safe to do so.

Ric Dahlin
Superintendent