

November 12, 2020

As part of the District's ongoing mitigation plan, we continually monitor benchmark data with the Santa Cruz County Department of Health and are in daily contact with health providers at the Mariposa Community Health Center.

With that said, the District recognizes the flu and travel season is approaching. Although we have not had any cases related to site exposure, we are moving forward with a proactive approach to keep students, staff and community safe. **Beginning Monday, November 16th, we will return to the remote learning model, effective through January 8, 2021.**

As a reminder, the remote learning model requires students to remain at home 5 days per week while teachers present lessons via the google meets platform 5 days per week.

As part of our Safe Return mitigation strategy, utilizing the remote and distance learning models will:

- Reduce the risk of exposure and allow for any needed quarantine for students and families who may travel out of the county / internationally over the holiday season.
- Reduce the risk to teachers and staff by reducing the total number of people on campus.
- Continue to offer learning spaces daily for those families who either want or need to have their children attend physical school.
- Rio Rico High School Athletics will continue as benchmarks are maintained, with protocols in place.
- Middle School Athletics and clubs will return to the remote model until November 30th. At that time, a decision will be made for the remaining of the semester.
- Continue to provide preschool programs for students currently enrolled.
- Continue to provide in-person special education services to students.
- Continue to provide food services for all students. Remote and hybrid students can pick up meals from Calabasas School, Coatimundi Middle School, or from any of the bus stops along the east and west bus routes. Students who attend physical school in our learning spaces or for special education services will be provided meals on campus.

In addition, the District will continue to monitor county health data and will retain the option of dispersing the 5 days currently identified as spring break vacation days, one day per week during the months of March and April. This will serve to discourage mid semester travel that could potentially have a negative impact on the overall health of our community and further disrupt the learning process. Additionally, this

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would provide a four-day work and school week during what is historically a busy and stressful time of year for staff, students, and families.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's transition to the remote learning model, please contact the parent liaison or principal at your site.

Sincerely,

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