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Good Morning NSD Families,

I hope this communication finds you and your children safe and enjoying the summer. As we continue to create our plans for the fall, I wanted to share a few updates with each of you. First off, thank you for the tremendous response rate to the recent enrollment survey. We had 97% of our families respond. Currently we have 1347 students enrolled in the Digital Learning Academy model and 4515 enrolled in the AM/PM Blended Learning Model for the fall. Once we finalize negotiations on the full-distance learning day in the Blended Learning Model with our Newhall Teacher's Association and our Governing Board formally reviews and adopts our models of instruction at the next Governing Board meeting, I will share a resource we have created called the "NSD Learning Plan Executive Summary".

As most of you are probably aware, we have been anxiously awaiting an updated Public Health Order from LA County. We were originally told it would be out by June 30th, but it has still not been released. In a meeting late yesterday with Dr. Ferrer, head of LA County Public Health, she did share that it will be coming out this week. We were told that in this updated Health Order, cloth masks will be **required** to be worn per the current State Health Order. The requirement for six feet of social distancing, to the extent possible, will also be in place as we launch the year.

We are currently in the process of looking at transportation. Current guidelines state that we can only have one student per seat in every other seat. These current guidelines significantly reduce the number of students we can put on a bus at any one time. Once we have determined our capacity to provide services, we will be notifying families to let them know whether or not services will be able to be provided this fall.

Lastly, I wanted to share that I have been working feverishly with all of our childcare providers across the District to explore the possibility of expanding their services at each school site to meet the needs of families. Each provider is definitely onboard with this idea and we are working to reduce associated costs to help ease the burden on families. Communication on these childcare solutions will be coming out from the providers in the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pelzel

Superintendent of Schools