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Good Morning NSD Families,

I would like to first wish you a happy new year! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday break with your family. As we begin 2021, I continue to be optimistic that we will be able to see our students back at our school sites this school year. Our plan heading into winter break was to have our TK-2 AM/PM blended learning students return to in-person teaching and learning on January 19th, however, after much discussion around the health and safety of our students and staff at last night's Governing Board meeting, the Board gave the following direction to District staff:

- Delay the launch of our TK-2 hybrid model until further notice
- Continue all Special Day Class (SDC) small cohort instruction at each school site
- Continue to provide in-person assessments, as necessary, for students with IEPs
- Pause the Dual Language Immersion (DLI) small cohort instruction at Old Orchard beginning January 19th until February 16th.

The Governing Board is committed to monitoring all COVID related data, reviewing the latest guidance from the L.A. County Department of Public Health, and engaging in on-going discussions at future Board meetings. Having 300 plus community members attend last night's Governing Board meeting to share personal stories, thoughts, and concerns shows how fortunate we are to have such caring and involved families. We value our partnership with each of you and look forward to supporting your children in the months ahead. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your principal or email me directly at jpelzel@newhallsd.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Pelzel', is written in a cursive style.

Superintendent of Schools