



Reopening Update #6; August 7, 2020

Dear SVUSD Community,

As we near the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, I'd like to again thank you for your flexibility as we prepare to start instruction in full Distance Learning due to Orange County's placement on the state COVID-19 Monitoring List. I am confident that Distance Learning 2.0, beginning on August 17th, will provide our students with rigorous and meaningful learning experiences. We have taken many measures to ensure our students and teachers are prepared for both Full Distance and Hybrid Learning (when permissible).

### **Distance Learning 2.0**

Throughout the summer, staff has been working to provide our students with the necessary resources for Distance Learning 2.0. At the elementary level, teachers will be using Google Classroom as their Learning Management System (LMS). At the secondary level, the Canvas LMS is available to all teachers, as well as the option for teachers to continue using Powerschool and Google Classroom. Additional online resources have been purchased in order to support Distance Learning 2.0 based on student, parent, and teacher feedback, and I am excited that these great resources will be available. There has also been an array of professional development opportunities for our teachers in order to provide them strategies and tools for successful Distance and Hybrid Learning experiences. All of our school administrators and staff are busily preparing to ensure a smooth start to the 2020-2021 school year and are looking forward to the first day of instruction. Please click on the following links to learn more about Distance Learning 2.0 from our Directors of Elementary and Secondary Education.

#### Elementary

English - <https://youtu.be/MeZbMC66f0I>

Spanish - <https://youtu.be/humgUA9cpCU>

#### Secondary

English - <https://youtu.be/8emqvx-baE>

Spanish - <https://youtu.be/ueelgWubARE>

Additionally, all families will be receiving specific schedules and guidelines directly from their school sites within the next few days.

### **Elementary School Waivers**

As many of you are aware, on Monday, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the waiver application for the reopening of elementary schools for in-person instruction (TK-6th grade only). We are currently reviewing the requirements of the waiver application and are aware that it will require consultations with our parents, community, and employee groups. All three groups would need to support the waiver, along with our Board of Education, in order to pursue it further. Additionally, it is important to note that the CDPH states that schools within jurisdictions with 14-day case rates more than two times the threshold to be on the County Monitoring List (>200 cases/100,000 population) will not be considered for a waiver to reopen in-person instruction. We will continue to update our community as new information

becomes available regarding the waiver process. Based on the SVUSD Board of Education's action on July 23, 2020, all SVUSD schools will begin in Distance Learning, with the hope of reopening in the Hybrid model when it is safe to do so.

### **Youth Sports**

This week also saw the release of updated guidelines for youth sports from the CDPH and California Department of Industrial Relations (CAL OSHA). Our high school administrative teams are reviewing the updated guidance and we will provide more information to our families as soon as it is available.

Thank you,

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Superintendent