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Dear Families:

As you know, our campuses were scheduled to open on August 6, 2020 for in-classroom instruction. Although we are making great progress on our preparations for welcoming back our students and staff, we once again must return to **Distance Learning**.

At noon, July 17th, Governor Newsom announced his 5-point Pandemic Plan for California Schools, which is new guidance for districts. The plan includes restrictions for in-person school openings until a county has been off the state watch list for 14 consecutive days, mask requirements for staff and students in third grade and above, physical distancing and other health protocols for in-person learning, regular COVID-19 testing and dedicated contact tracing for schools and a commitment to rigorous distance learning. This comes in conjunction with the just released California Department of Public Health [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#).

Distance Learning last Spring was a challenge for all educators and families. Campus closures were very abrupt and unexpected. This summer we have worked in collaboration with staff to provide a robust and structured program with clear guidelines that schools must follow:

- Internet and connectivity will be provided for all students.
- Content aligned to grade level standards.
- Students will have daily/ frequent live interactions with teachers and peers.
- All mandated student services will be required.
- Breakfast/ lunch will be provided
- Minimum daily instructional minutes will be implemented.
- Daily attendance will be taken and accounted for.
- Weekly student engagement will be monitored.
- Regular communication with parents is welcomed.
- Grades/ reports cards will be assigned.

Due to the mandatory shift, we will begin the 2020-2021 school year implementing a Distance Learning Model. Our site administrators/staff will be communicating regarding Distance Learning expectations. All school supplies will also be distributed prior to August 6th. If you have a need for a chrome device or connectivity, please call your site.

Your patience and support continues to be appreciated as we plan to provide a dynamic learning experience for our students.

Sincerely,

Rosa A. Romero,  
Interim Superintendent of the Richland School District