



September 4, 2020

Greetings Fullerton School District Parents, Guardians and Staff,

I am happy to be able to share with you one new change that will enable our elementary students and most junior high students to keep their current teachers regardless of what program option (Hybrid, Independent Study, or 5-day) you choose for when schools are able to return to in-person instruction. I know many of you have asked to be able to keep your current teacher even if you select Independent Study (also known as Distance or Virtual Learning) or another program option. We were fortunate to be able to work collaboratively with our teachers to find solutions to be able to do this. A big thank you to our teachers.

While we are optimistic about the ability to reopen with greater stability and support for our students, we continue to receive new information from the State about reopening schools. Most recently the Governor changed the reopening framework from a watchlist to a four color tiered system that changed when schools could reopen with in-person instruction. We believe that we will be able to reopen schools for in-person learning by Tuesday, October 13th. However, as we have all experienced over the past few months, the FSD schools reopening date is subject to change based on the direction we receive from state and local authorities. For students receiving certain specialized services in special education, we will begin to phase in in-person instruction September 21st. We are asking everyone to return their program option selection by September 14th so that we can begin our reopening plan. To help with the decision making process, Learning Options webinars are being held on Tuesday, September 8th at 3PM, Wednesday, September 9th at 5PM, and Thursday, September 10th at 6PM.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding over these last few volatile months. We have such a highly engaged and supportive community and I am grateful to all of you.

Dr. Bob Pletka, Superintendent