

July 10, 2020

Dear National School District Staff and Families,

By now, we had hoped to have had a more definitive update on our reopening of school plans for the 2020-2021 school year. However, external conditions and factors affecting these plans continue to change almost daily. In light of this, we wanted to provide you with the information that we know today:

- ✓ We received a great response on staff and parent surveys regarding distance learning and reopening models. We are using this feedback to inform our plans that will include both a **full distance learning option** as well as a **hybrid learning option** of distance learning and increasing time on campus as feasible throughout the year. Parents have been receiving multiple correspondence regarding creating a Parent Vue account. This is a <u>necessary</u> first step to enable parents to be able to choose one of these two instructional models. This can be done via cell phone or District issued student device. Parents needing assistance should contact <u>nsd-parentvue@nsd.us</u> or (619) 336-7783.
- ✓ Since before the school-year ended, we have been working closely with a **taskforce** of employees from various assignments to explore needs and recommendations for reopening schools, specific to National School District, from their **expert perspectives**.
- ✓ Our Governing Board has thoughtfully considered all recommendations from the taskforce; and has directed administration to draft a plan that puts staff and student safety at the forefront. We will continue to monitor public health advisories closely, with every intent to adhere to all health and safety precautions.
- ✓ To provide more time to prepare a detailed reopening plan, we have postponed the reopening of the school year with <u>students slated to return August 24, 2020</u>. We are planning for instruction to resume on this date; at minimum through distance learning if county health orders do not permit on-site instruction. Once drafted, our plan will be **posted on our website** for public viewing and comments.
- ✓ Food service will continue throughout the remainder of the summer at Las Palmas School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (multiple meals served each day).
- ✓ We are also working **side-by-side with our labor leaders** to ensure that our final plan is failsafe.

We will be sending you another update in August as the start of the school year gets closer. Please stay connected by checking our website regularly at www.nsd.us. Wishing you all good health during this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leighangela Brady

Dr. Leighangela Brady

Superintendent