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Dear OVSD Parents,

We are now less than two weeks away from our first day of school on September 9. Ocean View remains committed to the safety of our students and staff, and providing a high-quality education during these challenging times. By now, you have selected one of the educational models for your child, In-Person or Virtual Academy. We are pleased to report that we have spent the past few months preparing to open schools safely following all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) guidelines.

Reopening Update

As you may know, on August 23, Orange County was removed from the state COVID-19 Monitoring List after experiencing 3 days below the 100 per 100,000 case rate and 8% positivity test rate. If Orange County metrics stay below the acceptable thresholds for 14 consecutive days, schools will be allowed to reopen for in-person instruction after Labor Day. However, we cannot be certain that OC's rates will remain below the thresholds for 14 consecutive days. To avoid uncertainty for our staff and families, the Board of Trustees has determined that we will begin school on September 9 with Distance Learning and our Virtual Academy. If OC schools are granted approval to open for in-person instruction after Labor Day, we will reopen OVSD school sites with a Hybrid schedule on Monday, September 14.

If you have not yet done so, we urge you to review the OVSD [Reopening and Protection Plan](#). Ensuring student and staff health and safety has been at the forefront of every aspect of school planning for the 2020-21 school year. School will look and feel different when we return to campus. For example, students will have their temperature taken when they arrive and be required to wear face coverings. The classroom will have a smaller number of students, clear plastic desk partitions, and a teacher work station behind clear plastic. Your school principal is finalizing safety operational protocols specific to your school. These protocols will be shared and reviewed with staff and parents before the beginning of school.

Chromebooks

Technology will be an integral part of instructional delivery in the 2020-21 school year, whether you are attending school virtually or in-person. Parents will be given the option of using a District-issued Chromebook or purchasing a personal Chromebook for their child to bring to school and use on the District Network. More information regarding our Bring Your Own Chromebook (BYOC) policies and options will be forthcoming.

Bus Transportation

Due to the ongoing concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and community spread, OVSD will no longer offer fee-based bus transportation for students to and from school. Unfortunately, we do not have the number of buses, staff, nor the fiscal resources needed to do so in a safe, protective manner. We will continue to provide bus transportation for our special education students (as mandated by law). We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding as we do everything possible to ensure safe and healthy environments for our students and employees when they do return.

As always, we thank you for your partnership and support as we adjust to these ever-changing conditions. We are all looking forward to the new school year, and we can't wait to see all our students' smiling faces, either virtually or in-person.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carol Hansen
Superintendent

Gina Clayton-Tarvin
President, Board of Trustees