Re: Reopening Update & Parent Conferences

October 22, 2020

Dear OVSD Parents,

You may recall in our reopening plans, we indicated that when we transitioned to the Hybrid Model for In-Person learning on September 28, that we would reevaluate the situation at the conclusion of 6 weeks. Our Board of Trustees will hold a Special Board Meeting on November 5 to discuss next steps in our reopening plans. **Please be assured that no schedule changes will be made without giving our parents plenty of advance notice.**

You may be aware that there is a four-tiered state system used to track COVID-19 rates by county. The COVID-19 tiers are categorized as follows:

- Tier 1/Purple - Widespread
- Tier 2/Red - Substantial
- Tier 3/Orange - Moderate
- Tier 4/Yellow - Minimal

Orange County remains in Tier 2/Red - Substantial, and most of our surrounding counties are in Tier 1/Purple - Widespread. Nationally, COVID-19 numbers are trending up and many are speculating that we will see cases rise as we head into winter, the holiday season, and a traditionally higher risk period for illnesses in general.

During visits to our school sites, our staff has shared that they feel safe and confident with our current protocols and instructional model. Furthermore, they feel like everyone has just now settled into a comfortable routine. Transitions take time as they require staff input, changes to be implemented, and clear communication to be sent to staff and families. Therefore, it is unlikely that we will be making any significant changes to our schedule anytime soon. However, our Board of Trustees will set the direction at the November 5 Special Board Meeting.

We would also like to update you on our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences. All conferences will be held virtually and your child’s teacher(s) and school will be providing you information specific to your school shortly. The dates are as follows:

- November 3 - 13: Virtual Academy Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 3 - 13: Oak View Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 9 - 20: In-Person Model Parent/Teacher Conferences

We have been very pleased with the smooth reopening of our school campuses but this is not a time to rest on our laurels. We will continue to be vigilant in our safety practices and look for ways to improve. As always, we thank you for your partnership, patience and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent
Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President, Board of Trustees