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Dear Pacific Union Families,

I wish I had better news to share, but as many of you know our Humboldt County COVID-19 numbers are continuing to rise. We have moved from the Yellow Tier 4 (minimal risk) to the Red Tier 2 (substantial community risk). Part of the metric that we are using to navigate our site based instruction is the Humboldt County COVID-19 dashboard. Based on our movement to the Red Tier 2 we will pause our site based instruction (learning hubs) and only be offering distance learning.

Furthermore, Today Dr. Teresa Frankovich, Humboldt County Health Officer, gave the following recommendation to all Humboldt County Schools today:

“At this time, Humboldt County Public Health is strongly recommending that schools move to distance learning for the 14 day period following the Thanksgiving holiday. Although schools have done a remarkable job of implementing preventive measures to promote safety in on-site education, we anticipate a marked increase in local infections due to travel and gatherings occurring around Thanksgiving. This would threaten rapid identification and containment of cases, leading to increased transmission in the school setting.”

We are going to follow the guidance and recommendation of our County Health Officer. We will not start phasing in our blended learning plan after Thanksgiving break and we will pause our learning hubs for two weeks. If we move out of the Red Tier 2 (and/or our numbers are trending down) we will bring back our Learning Hubs the week of December 14th.

I know this is not what some were hoping to hear. We had been moving forward with building our student capacity on campus and were very successful. Our staff was excited to have our students back on campus. We will continue to do this, but at the appropriate time and in a safe and healthy way. Please remember you can help us be together at school by modeling social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, and limiting travel/gatherings during the holidays. If you do travel please consider following the updated guidance that was released to Humboldt County residents today. You can find this document by clicking [here](#).

I hope each of you have a safe and healthy holiday. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

All my best,

Rene L. McBride