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Dear Pacific Union Families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying some of the sunshine we've been having here on the coast. I know many, if not all of you are trying to plan and figure out what the upcoming school year is going to look like. As I have stated, things are changing rapidly and planning is proving to be very challenging for all of us. We are still moving forward with making sure we have our three plans:

- Plan A: School will reopen as normal following guidelines set by the county health department.
- Plan B: Blended Learning Model (site-based instruction and distance learning)
- Plan C: Distance Learning (CA is in Shelter in Place and/or County Public Health Officers have declared schools only provide distance learning).

At this point we are finalizing details of Plan B (Blended Learning Model) as much as possible and we need your help to continue to move forward as well as to plan for the future. We need to know, if given the option, would you choose to send your child(ren) to school for site-based instruction or do you prefer only distance learning. This will be a very personal decision for families and we respect all decisions that each of you will make. Please complete the newest [survey](#) as soon as possible so we can continue planning.

Across the state and the nation, school districts are having to make difficult and impossible decisions regarding re-opening school. Our goal is to try and provide choice to families, if possible, as well as providing the safest learning environment for our students and staff. At this point in time, a final decision still hasn't been made regarding if school will be opening in Plan B or Plan C. What we do know is that we won't be able to open with Plan A. We are still watching numbers and collaborating with our county public health officers and we will continue to change our plans based on the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and California Department of Education (CDE) recommendations. If our numbers continue on the trajectory that they currently are the trend is showing us that we may have to move to Plan C.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, please remember we all need to be flexible, understanding, and kind to one another. We are all in this together and only want what is best for our students. Thank you for your continued support of our school, staff, and community. We appreciate each of you and I know I not only speak for myself, but for our entire staff, when I say we are looking forward to the time when we will be together again with our students. I hope you continue to enjoy your summer break and please don't hesitate to reach out to our administrative team if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rene L. McBride

Rene L. McBride, Superintendent