

Good afternoon parents, this is Vaughn White, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools with a brief message.

Parents, our Board of Education last evening approved our Back to School Preparedness plan as required by the Governor's Executive Order. This plan was developed by our Return to School Roadmap Committee and addresses the type of school program we will offer based upon our region's Phase. We are currently in Phase 4 and this allows for the school to be open for in-person instruction 5 days a week. Should we be placed in Phase 3 by our Governor, we will be required to have remote learning, much like we had last spring, but with much more vigor and expectations.

As we open school 5 days a week beginning on Monday, August 31, we are taking measures to help prevent exposure to students and staff. I have outlined these practices in my video and in the Board Approved Preparedness plan posted on the School District Web Page. If we move to remote learning either by the Governor's orders or by our own assessment of concern, I want to assure you we are working on our plan to transition in the best way possible.

Another option to in-person learning is our Panther Virtual program. We realize this is not an option for everyone as it requires families to have good connectivity and computer resources. We had originally placed a deadline for applications for August 14, but are extending that deadline to August 21 to assure parents have enough time to make a quality decision for their child's education. Information about Panther Virtual is on the District home page under the "Schools" tab. Parents filling out the application will receive an emailed contract that must be returned in order for their child to complete enrollment.

Parents, masks stem the spread of this virus and are critical to our plan as we ready ourselves for in-person instruction. We have certainly ordered masks to have on hand, but we would kindly accept all sizes of masks donated to our school to give out as a resource to our students. If you would like to donate masks, our school offices will be open beginning next week to receive them.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we move through these challenges of beginning the school year. We will get through this pandemic by working together.