Dear Santee School District Families:

Thank you to the over 1,200 families who provided comments on our District re-opening procedures. Every school district has unique circumstances, and we greatly appreciate your feedback as we tackle these challenging decisions.

A large percentage of those who responded support re-opening our schools on August 19. Special federal government school relief appropriations will allow us to open our schools every day, for every child, by:

- Creating social distancing in all classrooms
- Hiring additional teachers to further reduce class sizes including grades 4 – 8
- Purchasing single-user desks to allow for spacing around each student and the teacher
- Providing individual student supplies and materials for classroom use
- Using other areas of the campus not previously used for instruction (e.g. multipurpose room, library, etc.)

Our safe schools re-opening plan will be finalized by Friday, July 17, and will be available on the school district website [www.santeesd.net](http://www.santeesd.net) for your review. Answers to "Frequently Asked Questions" posted on this page and updated regularly.

We realize some families may not be comfortable with in-school education this fall, and we will be offering a distance learning program to meet their needs. If you are considering such a plan, please submit your information using this form by July 31: Distance Learning Enrollment. An enrollment specialist in Educational Services will call you prior to registering your child for this option for the 2020-21 school year. In order to adequately prepare and staff this program, the final day to select the distance learning option will be July 31. More information regarding distance learning is located in our FAQs.

Lastly, school re-opening plans must follow our local public health orders and will include specifics on how to enter and exit the campus, where daily temperature screenings will be held, when and where masks will be required, and how grade level recesses and lunches will be handled. School-specific plans will be posted on each school's website by August 7.

Thank you, again, for your feedback. We feel fortunate to be able to offer your child the opportunity to return to school all day, every day on August 19.

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