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To: All Staff
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Staff,

At last night's Board meeting, I recommended (and the Board approved) we reduce class sizes in grades 4 – 8 to accommodate for social distancing guidelines in classrooms. We will be receiving \$5 million in Federal CARES funding and we'll be using about \$2.5 million to reduce those classes to around 25:1. This federal funding was sent to districts to mitigate learning loss and to account for the safe re-opening of schools (PPE equipment, cleaning and sanitizing needs, additional classified and certificated staff, etc.).

The reduction of the number of students in grades 4 – 8 allows us to bring all students, TK – grade 8, back to school on August 19 while following the California Department of Public Health industry guidelines. We feel this decision supports the community's desire to have our students back in school and learning in a safe environment.

Based on this news...

1. Most of you submitted your intent to return to work for the 2020-21 school year via the following form. **If your work status has changed since last month, please resubmit your status using the same form.** Tim Larson in Human Resources receives this information. Your supervisor will be your point of contact on next steps based on your comments shared. However, if your supervisor is currently on leave/vacation, HR will be contacting you. If you didn't submit your intent last month, please do so now.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfprJFwR9_CuN8pGToZDW4uAaioDrb3wxGdotDPPzAVISkSw/viewform?usp=sf_link
2. Jessica Ochoa, our new Director of Out-of-School time programs, will be sending you information about child care services, **during the school day**, for the 2020-21 school year. Staff input indicated a possible need for child care services during the school day should the employee's school district not follow a similar re-opening plan to ours. Just as a sneak peek on the fees for this type of child care services...if you needed 5 school days of care for your school-aged child, the cost would be \$107.52 a week (includes a 20% employee discount). She will also send you rates for 2 or 3 days and rates if you needed AM and PM wrap around care (hours before and after school time). Location will be enrollment dependent. If we have a small number of sign-ups, we will need to regionalize the care at a school or two.
3. We will be finalizing our District re-opening plan next week and will be able to send it to you during the week of July 20. As principals return at the end of the month, they will be working on a process to gain input from their staff on their final, site re-opening plan posted by August 7.

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