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Paula Wyant, Superintendent

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Dear MTUESD Families,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that all schools, Mark Twain Elementary and Copperopolis Elementary, will move to Full Distance Learning through the 1st Trimester and then re-evaluate the COVID-19 Pandemic risks in our County in November. The trimester ends on Monday November 16, 2020. Should the Calaveras County Public Health, Center for Disease Control, and California Department of Education determine that our traditional model of instruction of 5 days per week with minimal precautions can be done, we will follow those and open prior to the end of the 1st Trimester.

Our Governing Board has been courageous, as have each of our employees (teachers and support staff), in understanding the value of delivering education in-person to our students for their academic growth and their social-emotional health. We stood strong in this commitment and will remain committed to a balanced, well-organized, and high-quality Full Distance Model that will provide help to parents in the delivery of the learning model as children learn from their homes. More details will be forthcoming. The distribution of Chromebooks and I-Pads, materials, and supplies will be on Monday, August 24, 2020. Training and resources will be made available to parents.

Your child's safety and well-being is paramount to us. It is the reason we have made such a huge and difficult decision. With the mounting concerns of safety, the risk and possibility of illness became too great to risk with your children. I guarantee that our staff, teachers and support staff, will work tirelessly to improve upon the distance learning your children experienced in the Spring and to build successful relationships to ensure meaningful academic engagement.

Please know that this has been an extremely difficult decision and much thought and care went into this decision. I know the struggle and hardship this decision places on some families and I encourage you to reach out to me and your child's school for any support that you need and allow us to work hard to provide that support.

With your child(ren) in my heart,
Ms. Paula

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"We believe that all students will succeed."