# Office of the Superintendent

April 2, 2021

Dear PVSD Staff and Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we wish everyone a healthy and happy Spring Break.

#### EXCITING NEWS: Full Re-Opening for the 21-22 School Year

Our district Board of Trustees, administration, and teachers have been working together to develop and refine a PVSD Recovery Plan for the 21-22 school year. The purpose of this plan is to accelerate our students' academic, social, and emotional growth, recovering from the challenges of the pandemic. Please consider the following highlights of our plan:

- Five day per week, full day, in-person instruction (unless Public Health directs otherwise)
- Increased social/emotional counseling support at every campus
- Specialized reading intervention at every campus
- Targeted math intervention
- Configuration of class sizes to ensure every day, in-person instruction remains in compliance with safety rules
- Elimination of most combination classes, to facilitate academic supports
- Additional enrichment activities to help students feel interested and connected to their school communities
- Summer school for students with demonstrated academic needs, with two date ranges to provide flexibility for family's summer plans.

## Resources for Families

The recent incidents of mass violence in our country are troubling to all of us, especially our children. Unlike in previous generations, where parents could meter the flow of information by turning off the television, children today receive media inputs from a variety of sources. Children often hear troubling news before caring adults have the opportunity to speak with them and put the news in perspective. This can lead to increased levels of fear and anxiety for our children. Please consider the following resources for helping your children process traumatic news and events: <a href="Merican Academy of Pediatrics">American Academy of Pediatrics</a>, <a href="National Child Traumatic Stress">National Child Traumatic Stress</a> <a href="Network">Network</a>, and the <a href="Anti-Defamation League">Anti-Defamation League</a>. Please also remember that our school counselors and psychologists are available to support your children.



## **CAASPP Testing**

We have received inquiries regarding whether PVSD will administer the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) this year. The State Board of Education (SBE) approved plans for abbreviated tests in English Language arts and mathematics. Recently, SBE took action to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a flexibility waiver with regard to testing and reporting requirements for the 20-21 school year. The flexibility waiver provides districts with more latitude with meeting testing requirements. At this time, PVSD plans to administer the CAASPP in both in-person and remote settings. While we know this has been an exceptionally challenging year for all, the data will provide valuable information as we plan for accelerating student learning in the 21-22 school year.

#### COVID-19 Infection Rate by Zip Code

Please <u>click here to view</u> the most recently published data by zip code. We continue to see positive data for both Camarillo zip codes. According to Ventura County Public Health, we are likely to progress to the <u>Orange Tier next week</u>. While this is excellent news, we also want to encourage our community to continue to practice caution. According to the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Vulnerability Index Map</u>, portions of Ventura County remain vulnerable to a resurgence of COVID-19 cases. By continuing to work together to wear masks, wash hands, and physically distance we can protect our community and keep Ventura County moving forward.

#### Cohort Schedule for the Week of April 12

We will begin the modified traditional program with the B cohort. Here is the schedule for the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
B cohort	A cohort	B cohort	A cohort	B cohort

Thank you for your partnership. Please continue to check our <u>District Website</u>, <u>Superintendent Search Page</u>, and the <u>Pleasant Valley School District Coronavirus Page</u> for the latest information.

Respectfully,

Richard Taue

Interim Superintendent of PVSD Schools