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Dear TUSD Families and Students,

In efforts to provide a safe return to in person learning TUSD is committed to providing you with updated communication of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines. The following information was released July 12<sup>th</sup> of which TUSD will follow upon the return to school August 9, 2021. If you are not comfortable sending your child to school for in person learning, please refer to our Tracy Independent Study Charter School option that can be found online on our district website or contact your school site administrator if your child is medically at-risk and requires independent study.

Independent study for medically at-risk students is supported through Assembly Bill 130, and was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom this summer. This bill allows parents, guardians, and education rights holder of a pupil whose health would be put at risk by returning to in-person instruction have an additional *independent study* option. TUSD is now offering this option for medically at-risk students. Please note that independent study is described as a student needing more than 15 school days of *independent* and *at-home* instruction. If you would like this option for your student, please contact your school site administration team to request a student-parent-educator conference meeting before enrollment to discuss procedures and requirements for your child's grade level.

I recognize that there will continue to be questions regarding COVID-19 safety measures as we prepare to return to school. Our district will continue to work diligently to provide updates and plans aligned to the CDPH guidelines. The CDPH will continue to assess conditions on an ongoing basis, and will determine no later than November 1, 2021, whether to update mask requirements or recommendations. Here is what we know so far, please understand that this may change as guidelines are updated:

- CDPH has eliminated the three feet social distancing requirement.
- COVID-19 vaccines are currently NOT required for students to attend public schools in California, although strongly encouraged for students over the age of 12. TUSD has hosted multiple COVID-19 vaccine clinics and is in the process of coordinating an additional COVID-19 vaccine clinic in the near future for students ages 12 and up. Details will be provided in the near future.
- Masks will be required *indoors* for students, staff, and any visitors on school site facilities, regardless if an individual is vaccinated or not.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school for a safe and positive learning experience for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

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