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Family Newsletter: July 14, 2020

Hello FDS Families,

**FDS Principal News:** Thank you to all of the families that attended last night's Board meeting. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was terrific to see so many familiar faces but even better to see many new ones that I have not yet met. The commentaries and feedback regarding school opening during our conversations last night were outstanding and extremely informative. I have a deep appreciation for the level and manner of our engagement for the many matters that are of profound concern for each of you. Please know that I heard your voices. I heard about face covering requirements. I heard about uncertainty of consequences for not complying with face covering requirements. I heard about discerning the difference between a flu and COVID-19 along with the appropriate respective protocols. I heard about the benefits and negatives of the three proposed learning programs along with a multitude of other school opening matters. Please be assured that your voices resonated and will remain in our thoughts as I continue to work with the Board regarding school opening. Once again, thank you for attending last night's Board meeting in force. My hopes and desires are that many of you choose to continue attending other Board meetings in the future as well.

Below is important information regarding current matters.

**Upcoming Important Dates:** July 14 – Learning Program Selection Form to be sent, July 16 @ 6:00p – Superintendent/Principal Forum, July 23 @ 11:00a – Superintendent/Principal Forum, July 23 @ 5:00p – Learning Program Selection due, July 27 @ 3:00p – Facilities meeting, July 27 @ 6:00p – Special Board meeting (Approval of FDS Learning Programs), August 7 – Learning Program Selection confirmations, August 10 @ 6:30p – Board meeting, August 12 @ 3:00p – School Site Council meeting, August 13,14,17,18, and 19 – Teacher Professional Development and Pre-Service, August 19 @ afternoon – Class Lists available (anticipated/on-site TBD), August 20 – First day of school (anticipated), and August 31 @ 3:00p – Facilities meeting.

**Yearbooks:** FDS Yearbooks are here! Mrs. Peres will be on campus this Friday, July 17, from 6:30a - 8:30p to distribute the books. Please contact Mrs. Peres if you have any questions ([aperes@fUSD.org](mailto:aperes@fUSD.org)). If you are unable to come by during that time, stay tuned for additional dates/times for pick-up.

**Board Elections:** Please note that there will be open seats for the FUSD Board of Education with elections being held on November 3, 2020. If you are interested in being a Board member, the candidate filing period is July 13 to August 7. For more information on running for a seat, please visit the Placer County Elections Office website at <https://www.placerelections.com/current-elections/>.

**Superintendent/Principal Forums:** In order to provide as much up-to-date information to families regarding school opening and other district related matters, I have scheduled two Superintendent/Principal Forums. The first Forum of the new school year is this Thursday, July 16, at 6:00p. The second Forum will be next week on Thursday, July 23, at 11a. The different times are to accommodate our working families. Please note that both dates/times are before the Learning Program Selection deadline. This will afford families two opportunities to ask questions in person regarding the programs before the selection due date and time. Both Forums will be held at an outside location on campus.

**Face Coverings:** I would like to provide additional context regarding face coverings. At the current time, there is a Governor's order that face coverings be worn inside of all public places in California. With that said, FUSD as a district must comply with that order meaning that all students at this time must wear a face covering when inside of the classroom...regardless of other social distancing/prevention measures. If the order is lifted, and there is no longer the force of law, FDS will seek to transition to "Expected and recommended but not required" for our students and staff when indoors, including classrooms. Additionally, face shields, buffs, and other appropriate material that covers both nose and mouth will be as acceptable as masks.

**Learning Program Selection:** Based on our Board meeting last night, families will be offered two learning program options. The two programs are as follows.

- Traditional Learn at School: Five days per week for most to all of the regular school hours.
- Learn at Home: Five days per week for all of the regular school hours. (After-school programs will be accessible on a case by case basis.)

All FDS families are required to select a learning program for the start of the 2020-21 school year by submitting a selection form and responding no later than July 23 at 5:00p. Families that do not submit their selection form in time may not receive the learning program of their choice. Please know that it is imperative that all families submit their learning program choice by the due date as teacher staffing allocations will be based on the overall selections. Families will receive their learning program confirmation by August 7.

Please note that once a program is selected, students will only be allowed to switch once with at least one week of notice and Principal approval in advance.

Please click the below link to electronically complete and submit your selection form.

[FDS Learning Program Selection: 2020-2021](#)

Paper copies of the form will be available for pick up and submission in the FDS roundabout each day from 11:30a – 1:00p except Friday, July 17.

I will continue to send periodic updates to families throughout the summer as needed to keep everyone informed about the upcoming school year.

As usual, I want to steadfastly assure you that we at FDS remain committed to serving your children and you.

Thanks. Jack

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