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Dear OMSD students, families, staff and community:

As we kick off the 2021 year, I hope this letter finds you healthy and rested from our recent winter break. Again, I want to extend a message of sincere gratitude and appreciation to our teachers, classified support staff and administrators for their outstanding efforts during our online learning time. I continue to see many examples throughout the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) of our staff members going above and beyond to ensure students continue to excel under these most trying circumstances. I also want to acknowledge our amazing students and families for working with us and being a critical partner during these difficult times.

This communication serves to announce the extension of the Ontario-Montclair School District's (OMSD) focus on our online learning through March 28, 2021 (end of Spring Break).

This difficult decision was based on:

- Extraordinarily high rates of COVID-19 that currently exist in our area/region of San Bernardino County, the cities of Ontario and Montclair and within our adjacent communities. San Bernardino County remains high in the Purple Tier as defined in California;
- The process of getting staff properly vaccinated will take up to 3 - 4 weeks;
- Access to vaccines to start the process of vaccinations may not begin for most staff until early or mid-February. This is a multi-week process, requiring an initial shot and a second booster;

Preliminary information regarding vaccinations for OMSD staff are as follows:

- Tier 1 of Phase 1B – which includes Education (teachers and support staff)
- [Click here](#) to view San Bernardino County Vaccine Locations and Registration Information
- Additional information will be shared once Tier 1/Phase B vaccinations become available

This decision to remain on our online learning platform supersedes Governor Newsom's proposed early incentive grant to return to in-person instruction in early February. This proposal requires districts, like OMSD who have not applied and received a waiver to do in-person instruction, counties need to be at 28 per 100,000 on COVID-19 infection rates. To date, San Bernardino County is reporting a rate of 102 cases per 100,000 residents. Simply put, OMSD does not meet the eligibility requirements to pursue the incentive grant at this time.

My office will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 infection rates to best determine when a return to in-person instruction may be possible. While no definitive date has been determined for the return of in-person learning, I will provide staff, students and parents/families ample notice to make necessary preparation once that timeline has been established.

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The chart below is OMSD ‘s response to the California State Blueprint Tier Framework.
Click Chart to Enlarge.

California State Blueprint Tier Framework and OMSD Response

Tier	Measure	OMSD Response
Tier 1: Widespread (purple)	Adjusted Case Rate >7 Testing Positivity >8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District-Wide Online Learning
Tier 2: Substantial (red)	Adjusted Case Rate 4-7 Testing Positivity 5-8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District-Wide Online Learning Option for site specific, voluntarily staffed, targeted small group/cohort instruction
Tier 3: Moderate (orange)	Adjusted Case Rate 1-3.9 Testing Positivity 2-4.9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Hybrid Learning (possible staggered implementation) Online Academy option
Tier 4: Minimal (yellow)	Adjusted Case Rate <1 Testing Positivity <2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to Traditional Learning Online Academy option

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Until ICU Bed Rate Capacity in the Southern California Region increases to at least 15%, school sites and all OMSD departments will not be physically accessible during this period (except for those functions that are critical to district operations), all phone calls and emails will be monitored daily. Families and community members are encouraged to use telephone and/or email whenever possible, when communicating with school sites or OMSD departments.

Up-to-date information about OMSD’s response to COVID-19 can be found at our website www.omsd.net.

Below are links to San Bernardino County Updates where you can find useful up-to-date information:

- Please learn more about the San Bernardino County Updates by visiting <https://wp.sbcounty.gov/cao/countywire/>
- You can subscribe to CountyWire at: <http://bit.ly/39tynJw>

I want to again remind all OMSD stakeholders the importance for social distancing, mask wearing, washing hands frequently, limited interactions with persons outside your households, minimize non-essential travel and other important safety protocols as we continue to deal with this global pandemic.

Thank you for your continued care, support, and partnership in providing a world-class education to our students.

Sincerely,
 James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
 Superintendent

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