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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent

March 12, 2021

Dear OMSD students, families, staff and community:

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy, safe and well. I am writing today to share important information about our current efforts to help create a safe reopening for OMSD schools in the coming weeks.

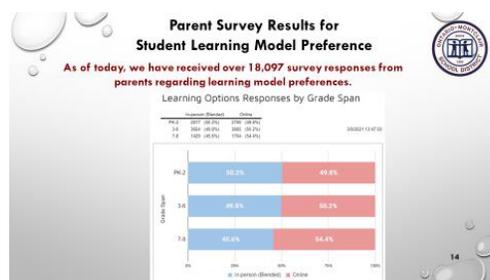
COVID-19 infection rates continue to decline, however not at a rate that allows us to reopen campuses to begin in-person instruction as of yet. The rate of positive COVID cases in the OMSD footprint remains higher than San Bernardino County averages. San Bernardino County as a whole is at 6.4 cases per 100,000 people, while OMSD's case rate is 8.4 per 100,000. This translates to OMSD's footprint within the cities of Ontario and Montclair remaining in the Purple Tier (widespread risk).

As a result, OMSD will be modifying our projected hybrid learning in-person instruction start date to April 12, 2021 (dependent on infection rates being at least at Tier 3: Orange Tier - Moderate).

OMSD remains committed to providing a world-class education while we continue with our online learning model. While we are all eager to have our students back in the classroom, the safety and best interest of our students, staff, and families are paramount in making this decision.

I will continue to update our community in the coming weeks as I closely monitor COVID-19 infection rates to best solidify when a safe return to in-person instruction is possible.

Recently, the District asked our parents to participate in a return to school survey. This survey was conducted to identify parents' preferred learning environment for their child(ren) (in-person blended or online only). To date, over 18,000 responses have been received. [Click the image below to view survey results.](#)



“Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future”

I would like to thank our families for participating in this important survey. The data compiled has proven to be invaluable in helping school site administrators to create schedules which allow for a safe reopening of campuses for those families who wish to return their children to in-person instruction.

Again, OMSD will remain focused on our online learning model until April 9, 2021, with a projected and hopeful return to in-person blended instruction date of April 12, 2021. The week of April 5, 2021 has been designated as a preparation week for classified support staff and classroom teachers, therefore your child's online learning schedule will be adjusted that week.

Please anticipate communication from your child's school after spring break which will include details about your child's school schedule, for both online only and in-person blended options.

I want to again remind us all of the importance for continuing social distancing, mask wearing, washing hands frequently and other important safety protocols, particularly as we return to school sites and offices.

Thank you for your continued care, support, and partnership as we navigate through this era of COVID-19.

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