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Dear students, families and staff:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, we hope that you've had a wonderful holiday break and are excited to return to school on January 3, 2022.

As many of us continue to be impacted by COVID-19, it appears that the Omicron variant has spread quickly within our region. As my office continues to monitor COVID-19 case rates within our boundaries, I want to take this opportunity to remind our students and families of the importance for maintaining OMSD's COVID Layered Mitigation Strategies in place.

As a reminder, everyone is required to wear a mask when indoors, maintain physical distancing to the best extent possible and frequently wash hands. Students and staff **should remain at home if experiencing any COVID symptoms**, this includes unvaccinated individuals who have recently been in close contact with someone who is COVID positive.

Additionally, the California Department of Public Health will soon be providing at-home COVID test kits for all students. We anticipate receiving these kits next week and we will prioritize making them available for pick up at school sites as quickly as possible.

OMSD will also resume our regularly scheduled COVID testing services for students and staff at all of our school sites and district offices.

As we welcome everyone back from the holiday break, OMSD will continue to work closely with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health to monitor trends related to COVID-19 in our area and evaluate any appropriate guidelines and actions to keep our students and staff safe.

Thank you and again, welcome back to school.

Respectfully,
Dr. James Q. Hammond
Superintendent

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