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“Learning Is For Everyone”

Matthew Strahl, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Alpine County Staff, Families and Community:

Alpine County Schools administration is very confident in our reopening plans approved at last night’s school board meeting. However, recent information regarding liability and workers’ compensation insurance coverage status specific to COVID-19 has necessitated a reevaluation of our fall opening strategy.

I spoke to the CTA state representative, our JPA (insurance), and the Board President and we all agree that the best course of action is to start school in the distance learning model.

Starting Monday, August 10, 2020 all sites (Alpine Early Learning Center, Bear Valley Elementary School, and Diamond Valley Elementary School) will be providing education through distance learning.

More information will be will be provided to staff and families by your site administrator:

- Alpine Early Learning Center – Matthew Strahl
- Bear Valley Elementary School – Matthew Strahl
- Diamond Valley Elementary School – Eleanor Moore

This is a very dynamic and evolving situation that necessitates action on California Assembly Bill “1384 Local Education Agencies: liability for COVID-19-related injuries” and California Senate Bill “1159 Workers’ compensation: COVID-19: critical workers.” Once these legislative issues are resolved at the state level, our education delivery model will be reevaluated with all stakeholders according to the timeline approved by the Alpine County Board of Education on August 4, 2020. (below)

- Begin 8/10/20 with the distance learning model
- Re-evaluate for move to in-person staggered start on 9/8/20 depending upon current circumstances *and make call by 8/31/20*

- If not able to on 9/8/20, then remain on distance learning and re-evaluate move to in-person staggered start on 10/12/20 (beginning of 2nd quarter) depending upon current circumstances *and make call by 10/5/20*
- If not able to on 10/12/20, then remain on distance learning and re-evaluate move to in-person staggered start on 1/4/21 (beginning of 2nd semester) depending upon current circumstances *and make call by 12/18/20*
- If not able to on 1/4/21, then remain on distance learning and re-evaluate move to in-person staggered start on 3/15/21 (beginning of 3rd quarter) depending upon current circumstances *and make call by 3/8/21*
- If not able to on 3/15/21, then remain on distance learning for the remainder of the school year

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this continually changing situation.

Sincerely,



Matthew Strahl
Alpine County Superintendent of Schools