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Dear OMSD students, families, staff, and community members:

This communication serves to update our Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) community as it pertains to continuing the commitment to our online learning model. At this time, OMSD will remain **focused with online learning until Friday, April 2, 2021.**

The most current data regarding COVID-19 infection rates in San Bernardino County continues to decrease. However, San Bernardino County remains in the Purple, or Tier 1. The COVID-19 trends within the OMSD footprint continues to exceed the County average and as such, I want us to remain focused on our online learning platform through April 2, 2021. Additionally, we want to provide ample time for staff to receive vaccinations, which requires two shots that are administered over a 3 to 4 week period.

With a possible return to school in a hybrid model on Monday, April 5, 2021, (dependent on infection rates being at least in the Orange, or Tier 3 and providing ample time/evidence of vaccine access to the staff/administration of OMSD), the District will be asking parents to participate in an upcoming Google survey. This survey will ask parents to identify their preferred learning options (including blended in-person and online only).

In addition to the parent survey, staff will be asked to participate in a survey regarding the vaccination process. The results of this survey will help gauge the number of staff who have participated in the vaccine procedure. Although not a mandate at this time, the vaccine continues to be an important safety measure for those interacting with students, families and community.

The District will again ask the "Return to School" subcommittees to reconvene to help ensure alignment of district plans for a safe reopening of schools to current California Department of Public Health guidance documents. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to our teachers, classified support staff and administrators for their participation and input in these very important meetings.

Although, we are eager to have our students back in school, the safety and best interest of our students and staff is always our first priority. I encourage our OMSD community of staff, parents, students and families to stay the course with our **online learning model through April 2, 2021.**

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.

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

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