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Dear OMSD students, families, staff and community:

As we approach the month of February, I would like to provide a brief update as we remain focused on our online learning model. To date, there are no changes regarding my forecast and expectations that the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) will remain focused with **online learning until the end of spring break (March 28, 2021).**

The most current data regarding COVID-19 infection rates in San Bernardino County is decreasing. We obviously find this trend encouraging.

However, San Bernardino County still remains at a very high level of Purple, or Tier 1. The trends of COVID-19 within the OMSD footprint continues to exceed the County averages and as such, I want us to remain focused on our online learning platform as announced earlier this month.

Additionally, we are still waiting to provide ample time for vaccines to become readily available for Tier 1, Phase B, so all OMSD staff can consider taking the vaccine. The vaccine process for COVID-19 requires two shots that are administered over a 3 to 4 week time frame.

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 March 28, 2021 (end of spring break).**

As a reminder, the chart below is OMSD's planned response to the Tier Framework as defined in California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. [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%	• District-Wide Online Learning
Tier 2: Substantial (red)	Adjusted Case Rate 4-7 Testing Positivity 5-8%	• 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%	• Begin Hybrid Learning (possible staggered implementation) • Online Academy option
Tier 4: Minimal (yellow)	Adjusted Case Rate <1 Testing Positivity <2%	• Return to Traditional Learning • Online Academy option

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

As we hopefully see infection rates decrease in the coming weeks, 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 preparations once that timeline has been established.

To date, ICU bed rates in the Southern California Region (multi-counties) remains at 0% capacity. 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.

I cannot express enough gratitude and appreciation to our teachers, classified support staff and administrators for their outstanding efforts during our online learning time. OMSD's online learning opportunities have focused on academic enrichment and engagement for our students and I continue to be in awe of the work being done. I also want to acknowledge our amazing students and families for working with us and being our educational partner during these difficult times.

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

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