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Superintendent

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

It is such a blessing to be writing this letter announcing the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) will be returning to school for the 2021-2022 school year with **in-person instruction on August 9, 2021!**

All campuses and facilities will be fully open and we are extremely excited to welcome all of our amazing students back to our wonderful school sites. OMSD staff has worked very hard to ensure a safe opening of our campuses. I am beyond proud of them.

I realize many questions remain for both families and staff as we move forward. Knowing that COVID-19 continues to be a fluid situation, and as per past practice, my office will continue to monitor California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CalOSHA) communications and I will share up-to-date guidelines as they become available.

Although recently released information indicates the state of California is in the process of reopening, OMSD has guidance in place for employees that will remain in effect until further notice as we monitor the CDPH and CalOSHA guidelines. The District's Memorandums of Understanding with OMTA and CSEA have certain provisions which align with CDPH/CalOSHA and are active through June 30, 2021. However, as changes come from CDPH/CalOSHA, I will be certain to update everyone.

As needed and in alignment with updated guidance, we will be updating our [School Reopening & Safety Plan](#) in the coming weeks. Rest assured our facilities have been accommodated to ensure all of the safety regulations per the CDPH recommendations are in place.

The teamwork used to make our return to in-person instruction has been invaluable. Although the return to in-person learning will be incredibly refreshing and rewarding, it has not been without its uncertainties. I want to acknowledge and applaud our teachers, classified support staff, and administrators for their continued support, personal sacrifices, and dedication to our OMSD community. I also want to extend a thank you to our students and families for their patience and understanding as we have navigated through the COVID-19 challenges and the obstacles it has presented to us.

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

The safety and best interest of our students and staff has always been and remains the District's top priority. As we move forward through these unusual times, we ask for your continued support and patience. Remember, if you have any questions about the District's Return to School Plan and the safety processes that are in place, please visit our website at www.omsd.net.

Again, I cannot be more excited to share that all Ontario-Montclair School District schools are ready to safely welcome students and staff back to our wonderful campuses to begin the 2021-2022 school year on August 9, 2021.

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