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ELK GROVE UNIFIED ASKS PARENTS TO VOICE THEIR PREFERENCE FOR SENDING THEIR CHILD BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents Should Expect to Receive a Unique Survey Link in Their Email Inbox

ELK GROVE, Calif. – June 17, 2020 –Yesterday evening, the Elk Grove Unified School District released a districtwide email asking parents to voice their preference for sending their child back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. In its commitment to serve all of the District’s students and families and by taking every step possible to ensure high quality education is balanced with health and safety, District decision makers are reaching out to identify every parent’s preferences for their child(ren) to return to school in order to more effectively deploy plans to reopen schools within the recommended Sacramento County Public Health recommendations.

When asked how important this survey is to the District and its planning process, School Superintendent Christopher R. Hoffman stated, “We value the perspectives of every family and want to serve and meet the needs of every student. So, it is mission critical that we see 100 percent participation in this survey. By having a better grasp on real numbers, we can better meet the needs of all families as we finalize plans for the start of the school year. The parent feedback in these four categories will help us allocate resources and continue communications with our families.”

The “Parent Input and Preference Information for the 2020-21 School Year Survey” uses the student information system to uniquely target and send a link to parents and/or guardians based on the email parent/guardian contact information listed in a student’s record. Once a parent receives the email, they need to “Start Survey” and are then encouraged to specify which of four preferences they would like to stipulate for their child.

- I prefer distance learning for the full school year regardless of health conditions.
- I prefer a full return to traditional education but would participate in distance learning until all SCDH COVID health guidelines have been lifted.
- I prefer a full return to traditional education but would participate in a combination of distance learning and small group, in-person instruction if public health conditions warranted it.
- I prefer a full return to traditional education regardless of SCDH COVID health guidelines. If this is not available, I will find an alternative outside the Elk Grove Unified School District.

Regarding the fourth option, Elk Grove Unified does not encourage families or students to leave the District. It is the District's mission to serve 100 percent of its families. Families who select this option will not be automatically withdrawn and like the other three preferences, the data collected will help the District plan scheduling and staffing needs.

Parents are encouraged to check their SPAM or junk folders if they do not receive an email with the survey link or to contact the District Communications department at egusdcom@egusd.net or by phone at (916) 686-7732 with the following information:

- Parent first and last name
- Email
- Phone
- School Site of Child/ren

District and school staff will be closely monitoring results, assisting parents and communicating often throughout the duration of this survey. [Click here](#) for an image of what the EGUSD Parent Input and Preference Information for the 2020-2021 School Year survey looks like. The official survey will have a "nosurveyreply@egusd.net" sender/reply email address.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and

real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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