

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED TO START 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR WITH FULL DISTANCE LEARNING

ELK GROVE, Calif. – July 15, 2020 – The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), after working closely with the Sacramento County Office of Education, area school district Superintendents, Sacramento County Health Director, Dr. Peter Beilenson, Public Health Officer, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, received data from Drs. Beilenson and Kasirye on increases in community spread of the coronavirus combined with the inability of the current testing system to support sufficient timely returns of test results if schools were to reopen. In light of these circumstances, District Superintendents in the 13 districts and the County Superintendent, with the support of Drs. Beilenson and Kasirye, have made the determination that schools should open in August/September with a Distance Learning model.

“Based on our collaboration with and updated information from public health officials, and with ongoing support and feedback from our Board of Education and labor partners, we will start our school year in August with our improved Full Distance Learning model,” affirmed Christopher R. Hoffman, Superintendent of Schools.

He further stated, “Thanks to our community and their valued feedback, we have developed a flexible plan that enables us to respond and adapt effectively to changing health conditions. Based on recent challenges in testing, the inability to receive timely results and the significant rise in confirmed cases, current health conditions warrant a shift back to our Full Distance Learning model. The goal for the entire Elk Grove Unified community is a safe and full return to school when health conditions allow.”

District officials, school administrators and staff will continue to reach out to parents understanding the importance of the safety for our students and staff and the significant impact this will have on the entire community, students, families and staff. The District along with each

school will provide parents with more Back-to-School details. Parents are asked to check their emails regularly and their school and District websites for updates, past information and for additional services and resources.

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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