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**Subject: Expanded Reopening Committee**

Dear San Dieguito Union High School District Community,

We appreciate the passion and commitment of our community for educating our students. Our students, teachers, administrators, and staff have been working tirelessly. We also appreciate there are many perspectives as to how we are implementing our instructional model, and how we should move forward. We know many students and families in the community have concerns or questions.

Listening to our community, and reflecting on what we have learned, we believe it is important for us to reconvene an expanded reopening committee. This expanded reopening committee will include parents, teachers, students, district and school administrators, support personnel, board members, and medical professionals. The committee will continue to meet as we monitor the San Diego County Public Health Orders and the documentation from the California Department of Public Health.

Plans have already been implemented that have returned groups of students back to campus and will continue to return more students. The initial purpose of this committee will be to review the current Distance Learning Model, review other models being implemented across the state, explore opportunities for on-campus activities, and explore options for a safe increase in student access to our campuses. One outcome of the committee will be a survey that will go out to our community.

Two of our elected Trustees will participate on the committee (we are legally restricted to having two) and each of the elected Trustees will select a parent participant. Our five Student Board Members will be invited, as well as a middle school student(s). A parent representative from our Parent Site Representative Council and our Parent Curricular Advisory Council will be invited to participate. All five of our high school principals will be involved and two of our middle school principals. We have a commitment from a local pediatrician to participate and we are recruiting another to invite. We are committed to hearing all perspectives so we are also reaching out and inviting involved parent community members so that we have that diversity.

We understand the need and urgency to have a forum for our community to come together, learn together, and provide guidance together.

We are actively working to make this meaningful and productive and we have a tentative date on the calendar next week for our first meeting. We will continue to share information and post a frequently

asked questions page online. Following each meeting, there will be communication regarding the topics covered posted online and shared with the community.

Robert Haley  
Superintendent  
*Committed to the Future*

### Guiding Principle

Our decision-making will be guided by considering the health and safety needs of our students, families, staff, and community as our highest priority. Health and safety include many factors beyond COVID-19 and balancing the health and safety of all of the school community is complex.