



Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians of SMJUHS District Students,

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District's Board of Education adopted an action plan for the reopening of our schools during a special meeting on Thursday, July 23. The plan calls for starting school in a Distance Learning Model, following the Governor's Order last week that requires counties currently under the state's watch list to provide distance learning until there is a steady decline in COVID-19 positive cases for fourteen (14) consecutive days. To view the Reopening Plan presentation from the board meeting please visit our website at www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us under Parents & Community, Public Notices. The plan will also be re-formatted in a more formal document that will go out to all staff and students' families next week, and will also be available on the district's website and Facebook page.

Critical items in the plan include:

- Distance Learning will be our model through the Fall Semester that ends in December, where students will be learning at home while teachers will be teaching from school. We will evaluate in November/December whether we can safely return our students on campus in a hybrid or traditional model.
- The first day of school for students has been changed from August 12 to August 17.
- This change will allow for three additional days to conduct professional development for our Teachers and Staff during the week of August 10. It will help us prepare for a quality, more robust distance learning environment for our students.
- Most Teachers and Staff will be working on campus.
- School campuses, and the district office, will be open to students and families who need to access services on an individual basis, such as instructional support, counseling, testing, speech therapy, IEPs, technology support, etc. More information will be forthcoming on the items highlighted above.

We look forward to the eventual, safe return of our students. In the meantime, our decision-making process as a district will continue to be driven by three principles: Safety for our students and staff, student learning and well-being, and equitable access to a quality educational program. Thank you for your continued patience and adaptability during these changing, trying times.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Garcia', written in a cursive style.

Antonio Garcia
Superintendent
Santa Maria Joint Union High School District