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To: Parents/Guardians, Students, and Community Members
RE: School Reopening Information

School within the Seeley Union School District is scheduled to begin the 2020-2021 school year on August 17, 2020. There are various factors that will determine which mode of instruction will be available for our students throughout the school year. The Seeley Union School District is working in conjunction with the Imperial County Public Health Department, the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE), and all other Imperial Valley school districts to develop an appropriate learning model for students conducive to existing health conditions related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We are focusing on the capability to provide a safe environment for students and staff while working to ensure the ability to mitigate mass exposure to school populations.

ICOE and our Imperial County School Districts are committed to the following principles as we move toward reopening our schools:

1. Our focus/priority is on a genuine effort to ensure we meet the critical and varied needs of our students and families in a safe and responsible manner.
2. No schools will return to on-site instruction or other student activities unless and until we are permitted to do so by the County Public Health Officer in accordance with the County Roadmap to Recovery stages.
<http://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19/roadmap-to-recovery/>
3. Once permitted to return to on-site instruction and other student activities, all school districts will follow the federal, state, and local guidance related to school reopening.
<https://www.icoe.org/covid-19/recovery-efforts>
4. As schools reopen, they will do so in coordination and collaboration with their local stakeholders in order to meet their local community needs.
5. Local community needs in each district will be based on local health circumstances, student/staff needs, resources available, and the needs and expectations of each school community.
6. Models of delivery for the 2020-21 school year may include a combination of distance learning and in-person instruction. Each district will determine the most appropriate model given their local context throughout the year.
7. An effective distance learning program is likely to be a core model in most districts throughout the year. This is expected in response to the potential for school closures that would force students into this model, the need to keep some students and staff in a remote model for health and safety reasons, and parent expectations or concerns within each district.

Our ultimate goal is to welcome students and staff back to campus in a traditional setting as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it seems current health conditions may prevent that from happening initially. We are working to provide the best distance learning or hybrid instructional model possible until a traditional educational setting is an option for our community. We thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Cordially,

Andrea Ellis
Superintendent