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Dear Warrior Families,

Throughout the duration of this pandemic, our highest priority remains keeping our students and staff safe and healthy. Despite the many challenges, as a District, we were fortunate to remain open through the 1st quarter and provide in-person instruction as well as participate in fall sports.

In recent weeks, the exclusion criteria associated with COVID-19 has had a severe impact on our staffing and in turn made it impossible to provide in-person instruction. Since our decision to close and transition to distance learning, we unfortunately have continued to see positive cases of COVID-19 in our buildings and in the community. As of today, Monday, November 16, 2020 the Clear Lake School District has 23 students and 13 staff members who have been confirmed as testing positive for COVID-19 throughout the duration of this pandemic. We currently have 110 students that would be considered excluded from the buildings if we were delivering in-person learning. This pandemic continues to impede our ability to provide in-person instruction as well as our capacity to remain open due to the impact on our operations.

Due to the staffing shortages related to the pandemic, the District will extend our closure period and provide distance learning instruction through Wednesday, November 25th. In-person classes are *tentatively* scheduled to resume on Monday, November 30th. We will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves. During this time period we will continue to provide instruction through our distance learning instructional model for all students, and instruction will be delivered on a daily basis through an online format aligned with the District Calendar. **In order to reopen safely and monitor new cases, we ask that you please contact your son/daughter's school building immediately if you have an individual in your household test positive for COVID-19.**

As previously communicated, these decisions are not made lightly, and we recognize the hardship it puts on many of our Clear Lake families. Thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility during this time. Know that we plan on resuming in-person classes whenever staffing limitations do not interfere. Our intent is to transition back to in-person learning on Monday, November 30th.

Respectfully,

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MISSION STATEMENT

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TIMELINE FOR INSTRUCTION

NOV 25th Last Day of Distance Learning Instruction (half-day of instruction)

NOV 30th In-Person Classes Tentatively Scheduled to Resume

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Practices and competitions for all winter athletics are paused through Thanksgiving Break. Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, November 30th. Adjustments to the schedules will be made and revised schedules will be communicated to families through the Athletic Department.

FOOD SERVICE: Meals will be provided for students and the District will continue offering pick up meals.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: Parents are encouraged to contact their child's case manager regarding the continuation of services.

COUNSELING/THERAPY SERVICES: The school counselors and therapy services will work with your child to continue virtual services if necessary. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's therapy services and our Counseling Department regarding the continuation of services.

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