

Friday Update May 1, 2020

Good Evening Sulphur Springs Families,

This is Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, Superintendent, with your Friday Update, May 1, 2020.

As you may be aware, Governor Gavin Newsom made comments about a possible earlier start to the 2020-21 school year. ***I want you to know that our anticipated start date for the 2020-21 school year has not changed.*** We will continue to monitor communications that are coming from Sacramento. ***We are scheduled to begin school on August 13.*** Please know that district calendars take a great deal of planning and coordination among our staff. We will come to the best decision based upon maintaining student and staff safety with guidance from Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Public Health Department in determining when and how to return students to school.

As you are aware, our District has continued to take the necessary and challenging steps needed to support students and families through a Distance Learning environment. We are finding innovative ways to deliver instruction, and also are looking at grading practices to ensure all learners have the opportunity to succeed, and are not penalized in any way by our current grading policies.

For the **End of the Year Report Card**, an alternative grading practice is being implemented by our teachers.

- Standards covered will be marked on the report card with an asterisk.
- A detailed explanation in the comments section of the report card will be provided for parents, which summarize standards covered.
- Standards not covered during the last term will be left blank on the report card.

Staff are also finalizing details for families to pick-up their child's personal items and school supplies left in classrooms. A schedule to pick up your child's items will be emailed home and posted on our District website for each school on May 6th. Please note that the Distribution of student items will be Thursday May 14th or Friday, May 15th. You will be able to choose either day to go to your child's school to pick up student items.

Finally, I want to remind families, that when you are picking up the free nutritional food at Canyon Springs and/or Mitchell Community Schools between 12:00PM and 1:00PM, we are asking families to please wear face masks to support in protecting staff and families.

Thank you for all that you are doing to partner with us!