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Patricia Gunderson, Superintendent

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Dear Families of Lassen County:

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve, our school districts, County Office of Education, and charter schools in Lassen County remain diligent in our efforts to provide families with essential services, support student wellness, and ensure continuity of our students' education. We understand that many of you have questions following Governor Gavin Newsom's press conference on April 28 in which he suggested schools may start the 2020-21 school year as early as late July to make up for learning loss that has occurred due to the stay-at-home order. Lassen County schools have all adopted calendars with start dates for the fall and do not plan to bring students back to campuses for classes this school year.

The Lassen County Superintendent of Schools and Districts continue to meet on a regular basis and are in the process of creating a plan for how schools will address the needs of students next school year. We understand that this will look different for each school and grade level. Details about what learning looks like next year will depend on a variety of factors, as well as guidance from public health. As a result, we are putting together several scenarios that will address social distancing requirements to keep our students and staff safe while also supporting student learning.

As we plan for learning next school year, the Superintendents in Lassen County are committed to working together. Currently, we are meeting weekly to ensure our students continue to receive high-quality instruction and other essential services. We will continue to communicate information to our community as changes are made. We are proud of our incredible community and want to thank each of you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Gunderson, County Superintendent of Schools

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