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Dear TUSD Families.

As we continue to look forward to welcoming students back to school August 11, 2020, we want to ensure that we do so in the safest way possible. With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in our community and county we are in the process of re-evaluating our Reopening Schools Plan. On June 23, 2020 we shared 3 options for families that included students attending school 5 day a week with COVID-19 safety measures in place, TUSD Tk-12 Independent Study, or TUSD Online Independent Study Charter School to our Tracy Unified School Board. At that time the options were aligned to our San Joaquin County Office of Education and San Joaquin County Department of Public Health guidelines to reopen schools. Since our Reopening Plan a few weeks ago, much has changed, and we are now exploring the Hybrid Model to provide 6ft. social distancing, along with our COVID-19 safety measures in place to begin the school year August 11, 2020. The district will provide an information report describing an updated TUSD Reopening Plan scheduled for the Tuesday, July 21, 2020 TUSD Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please visit our district website at https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/board-of-education for more information. In addition, TUSD will be hosting Public Information sessions the week of July 13th. Please visit our district COVID-19 webpage at https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/parentstudent-information/healthservices/coronavirus-page for more information.

The definition of TUSD Hybrid Learning is a combination of in person learning with digital learning/at home learning, in which students can, in part, control the time, pace, and place of their learning. We recognize that not all students have access to technology and internet, so TUSD will be sending out a Technology Survey to families to be completed July  $10^{th}$  – July  $17^{th}$ . Please complete the survey so we can use the information to support our families based on those most in need.

The Hybrid Model Schedule is an A/B Schedule in which students would be assigned to an A or B group, based on their last name. Students assigned to the A group will attend Mondays and Thursdays, students assigned to the B group will attend Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesdays students will not attend school physically and will be a day for our staff to engage in professional development and support for Hybrid Instruction. As students will be assigned a group based on their last name, the District will ensure that blended families with different last names are assigned to the same group.

As we continue to align our TUSD Reopening Schools Plan to a Hybrid Model, we thank you for your understanding and patience as our county stages continue to change. Should cases continue to increase in our County, we will make changes to our Reopening Plan to a Distance Learning Model, based on the direction of our County Public Health Department. TUSD is committed to providing access to a public education centered on rigor, relevance, and relationships for all students, while providing COVID-19 safety measures for all students and staff. We know that our county phases will continue to change throughout the year and we will continue to monitor and evaluate our plans accordingly to align to the San Joaquin County Office of Education and San Joaquin County Health Department Guidelines.

Sincerely,
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