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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

Bi-Weekly Communication (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

This letter is part of our bi-weekly communication in an effort to keep all of our families informed. Please continue to check your email inbox for messages from TCUSD on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As a reminder, any question or concern can be addressed by emailing our helpline at TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net. Please reach out to us, and we will respond within a 24-hour-period or sooner.

Grab-N-Go Lunches (11am -1pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

We will continue to serve two Grab & Go lunches per child on each day for Monday and Wednesday and one lunch on Friday in the TCHS Student Parking Lot on Temple City Blvd. Please drive through and remain in your car. Any students who need to walk to the lunch service will be given special directions for picking up lunch. If a parent can show the student's school ID card, we will serve the lunch to the adult on behalf of the student in case the student cannot be present. No ID card is necessary if the child is present. Please keep in mind that on Monday, May 25, 2020, we will not be serving lunch in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Lunch service will resume on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Moving into the 2020-2021 School Year

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our parents. So many of you have reached out with offers of support during this emergency transition, and you have given us grace as we turned our entire instructional program into a distance learning program on a moment's notice. Some of you have shared your thoughts and concerns for next year, hoping that the academic rigor, full-day instruction, and developmental learning that TCUSD has delivered for so many years will return.

I assure you, regardless of what this virus threatens, it will not destroy the TCUSD spirit where we value integrity, service and respect. I cannot tell you what next year will look like exactly, but I can tell you that my team will support our teachers with meaningful training, technology resources and collaboration. In the fall, whether we are on our campuses in a traditional setting, whether we need to have a blended model of online and in-person instruction or whether we must remain in a solely virtual setting, our teachers will be supported so that they can do what they do best: teach our students. Also, please know that any form of distance learning for next year will not be in a "hold harmless" situation like we have experienced since March 13th. This means that teachers will be teaching in full capacity and students will be held to rigorous academic standards. Our goal is to provide all students the same full-day instructional program whether they are on campus or not. At last night's special Board Meeting, we presented to the Board our plans to deliver a more robust instructional technology offering to our families. This presentation details our priorities and developing plans for the future.

Moving forward, we need your input. Below is a brief survey just to poll what your desires are regarding school attendance during the COVID-19 pandemic for 2020-2021. Our mission is to offer every family what they need and want regarding the safety and education of their student(s). Please know this survey will direct and guide us to finalize our plans for next year. More surveys will follow in coming weeks as your input regarding distance learning and health and safety matter.

Please complete the below survey on page two of this letter based on the school site your student(s) attends. We ask that you complete the survey for each of your students. Thank you for your input and collaboration as we build an indestructible plan for next year.

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