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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. As we prepare for starting the school year with Distance Learning, we have taken some steps to support our students for this year. TUSD has purchased 10,000 student devices and internet access hotspots. Student instructional materials are also being prepared for distribution beginning this week. We had hoped to distribute all student devices August 4<sup>th</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>. However, we were recently notified by Hewett Packard that the order of computers to support students in TK-8<sup>th</sup> grades are delayed until October 1, 2020, due to the demand across the country to support distance learning in public schools throughout the United States. As you can imagine we are very disappointed and are working with our schools to prepare asynchronous learning activities using student instructional materials and access to daily live synchronous instruction for students accessible through the internet with technology available in the home, such as cell phones, tablets, and TVs that can stream the live synchronous instruction and recorded instructional sessions for students.

In the meantime, TUSD will continue as planned to distribute student devices, internet hotspots, and instructional materials to all students in grades 9-12. Students attending elementary TK-5 elementary schools, K-8 schools, and Middle Schools will receive their instructional materials August 4, 2020-August 10, 2020 to ensure all students are prepared for the first day of school beginning Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Please visit your child's school webpage or call the school for information regarding distribution times and dates.

TUSD will be hosting Public Information session Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 8 am. This Distance Learning Information Session will be recorded and available on the TUSD COVID-19 webpage. Please continue to visit our district COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/parentstudent-information/health-services/coronavirus-page> for up to date information.

Below is a brief description of what you can expect in the TUSD Distance Learning Model:

California Department of Education Requirements	TUSD Distance Learning Model	TUSD Students
Daily attendance is required for all students	TUSD teachers will take daily attendance via live synchronous instruction, email, and/or phone calls.	TUSD students are expected to attend live synchronous instruction if they have access to technology. Students who do not have access to technology will be contacted by the school to verify attendance via email and/or phone call.
Distance Learning shall include synchronous and asynchronous instruction	TUSD teachers will provide daily <b>synchronous</b> live instruction for a minimum of 120 minutes a day. The live synchronous instruction can be whole group and small group to meet the needs of students.	Students are expected to participate in all daily synchronous instruction as provided by the teacher. Students without access to technology shall participate in asynchronous learning activities.
	TUSD <b>asynchronous</b> learning activities may include instructional material	Students shall participate on all asynchronous learning activities.

	assignments, prerecorded instructional videos, and or student independent learning activities.	
Students will not be held harmless for the 2020-2021 school year. Distance Learning Assignments will be graded and count toward a student's overall grade for each grade reporting period.	TUSD teachers will provided assignments that will be graded and count towards students overall reporting during the duration of Distance Learning.	Students are responsible for completing all assigned graded assignments that will count toward their overall grade for each grade reporting period during the duration of Distance Learning.

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.

Thank you,



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