



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Start of School Delayed to Tuesday, January 11, 2022

January 4, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have an urgent update to share with you regarding the start of the second half of the school year. The Fenton Charter Public Schools will need to delay the return of students until **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**. Here are the following three (3) reasons why we are delaying the start of school in January.

1. LA County continues to see high COVID-19 numbers in terms of daily new cases, positivity rates, and hospitalizations. We anticipate the current surge to begin declining mid-January.
2. The Fenton schools are experiencing staffing challenges due to positive COVID-19 cases from our staff across our campuses. Reopening safely will be very difficult this week with the lack of available substitute teachers and support staff.
3. California has sent all students in a K-12 public school an **At-Home Rapid Antigen Test Kit**. We are scheduled to pick up the Test Kits on Wednesday (1/5/22) morning from the Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey. Our goal is to make sure students and staff have a negative COVID-19 test prior to starting the school year. Reopening on Tuesday (1/11/22) will ensure we have enough time to conduct a baseline test for all of our students and staff prior to reopening our schools.

You will receive additional information from your school regarding the opportunity to receive the At-Home Rapid Antigen Test Kits. In addition, we are working on options for your child to receive additional instructional time throughout the remainder of the school year and into the summer if you are interested.

We are aware that this sudden change of plans may cause disruption to your planned routine for this week. Our intent was to have your child return to school this week. Our change in plans is intended to give you peace of mind knowing we have taken all precautions to keep your child safe. We take the trust you have placed in our hands seriously and strive to ensure we are creating an environment for your child to thrive.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Operating Officer