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Dear HLPUSD Students, Parents/Guardians and Employees:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! It is my honor to be your Superintendent going into my 4th year. Last school year was amazing as we were able to accomplish many things together. This year promises to be better. I'm pleased to share our District theme this year is ***"Engage, Experience, Connect – Deep Learning Every Day!***" It is our goal to provide the best education for our students. We look forward to the first day of school on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Our HLPUSD educators, staff, and leaders have been preparing to provide learning experiences that engage and connect with our students. We know that this year, you will hear our team speak about the 6C's from our *New Pedagogies for Deep Learning* framework, which includes communication, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, citizenship, and character. You will hear our students speak about these areas as they engage in their learning. These are also areas that are highly sought after by employers to be successful in a global economy. At HLPUSD, we prepare our students for the future each day!

As for our COVID-19 protocols to begin the school year, we will continue to monitor and follow any guidance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Currently, the emergency order has ended in California, Los Angeles County, and our School District, but we still ensure that our students and employees can follow the safety protocols if needed.

- **Students**
  - Like last year, the wearing of face masks remains optional. Students or parents requesting a sneeze guard may do so by speaking with their child's teacher.
- **Employees**
  - Masks are optional. We will continue to report cases by school site due to Cal/OSHA reporting requirements. Employees still have the option to keep up their sneeze guards in their work areas.
- **Public**
  - Volunteers still need to be vaccinated to be on campus during regular school hours when in classrooms or if serving as a chaperone on fieldtrips. If participating in an indoor or outdoor assembly during school hours, parents/guardians will be asked to remain in designated areas.

In other related health news, I'd like to remind everyone to stay hydrated due to the high temperatures over the next several weeks. It is highly recommended that everyone brings a water bottle to stay hydrated. We will be monitoring the weather and follow all of the heat alerts and keep our community informed.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our students, employees (team members), associations, management team, parents/guardians, community, and Board of Education for their support as we launch our school year. I am honored to serve as your Superintendent as we work collaboratively to prepare our students for college and career while meeting our District's mission by "maximizing the talents, interests, and abilities...enabling them to meet the challenges and opportunities of a changing world."

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfonso Jiménez
Superintendent of Schools