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Dear San Benito CISD Parents,

As our community adapts to the new challenges in this new school year, please know that your well-being is our top concern. We remain committed to providing our students with the best educational experience that we can despite COVID-19 or any other adversity that may affect our San Benito family. Our resolve to work together as a community has never been stronger or more united. We already see the resilience of our students and the excellent quality of the remote instruction that our teachers are providing.

Undoubtedly, there are uncertainties, but we believe strongly that the strongest steel is forged in fire. As challenges arise SBCISD is prepared to find viable solutions for our educational community. In recent weeks, thousands of meals have been provided, and hundreds of supplies, tech devices and hotspots have been distributed. Our school board members and I have prioritized providing students with the support they need to participate in their schooling from the safety of home as we monitor our transition into our school facilities. Even before the pandemic, our schools were working to create web-based lessons. Consequently, our teachers' response to remote instruction strategies has been extremely impressive.

In accordance with the Texas Education Agency, we have developed a plan through October 5th to maximize access to lessons that is accommodating enough to provide an engaging and challenging education to our students, while also allowing parents some flexibility in their schedules. This plan allows for four weeks of *asynchronous* instruction, meaning students receive a full day of instruction via a combination of live and recorded instruction. Small group time, one-to-one time, and numerous eLearning programs already built into our plan will provide students with additional support.

Upon completion of this period, SBCISD will initiate a gradual re-entry of students to live, face-to-face instruction under the proper safety guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and other local authorities so you are confident in our process of returning to school.

We remain cautious yet optimistic about the return of students to school and encourage parents and students to access the numerous resources available on the District website as we move toward that day.

We have never been closer, together, and offer our unconditional support to our Mighty Greyhounds!

Sincerely,

Nate Carman, Ed.D.

Dr. Nate Carman,
Superintendent

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