Dear OUSD Community,

Our planning for the 2020-21 school year is entering a critical phase as we begin to plan for possible reopening scenarios. We need your input and expertise. Below is information about some of the online meetings and platforms we will use to collect input and feedback. Information on additional ways to engage will be shared soon.

The scenarios for how we will hold distance learning and in-person instruction will be grounded in the 4 S’s: Science, Safety, Staff Support, and Student Learning. You have seen the many and profound ways the coronavirus crisis has affected all of the diverse parts of our city. You have invaluable insight and experience about what works for our students in a distance learning environment as well as what we still need to address as a system to plan for the 2020-21 school year.

We are developing specific workgroups and other meetings to engage with OUSD certificated (e.g., teachers, nurses, principals) and classified (e.g., paraeducators, administrative assistants) staff in partnership with our labor unions. We appreciate everyone who has already shared thoughts and ideas and welcome all feedback while we arrange these more formal structures with our labor partners.

**Upcoming online meeting opportunities for families and community members**

Two of the opportunities for families and community members to begin engaging in this work are happening soon:

- OUSD Community Town Hall on 6/1 from 6:30 - 8:30pm, [RSVP Link](#)
- English Language Learner Family Meeting on 6/4 from 5:30-7pm ([click here to join; PW 141598](#))

We hope to hear about what you have learned from your experiences over the past two months, discuss the district’s approach to planning for next year, and get input to shape district priorities for the 2020-21 school year.
Sharing your thoughts online via Thought Exchange.
If you are unable to attend these meetings, or have some additional thoughts you’d like to share more immediately, please participate in our Thought Exchange online. This online platform allows community members to weigh in on important questions. It is confidential. Your thoughts will be shared with other participants, but not your identity. You will see and rate the thoughts that others have provided based on how much you agree/disagree or how important you feel the ideas are. Click here for more information.

- **Distance Learning: What is working well and what can we improve?**
  - Exchange Link: Click here, or https://my.thoughtexchange.com/877298011
- **Next Year: What do you need to feel safe and supported as we consider plans for in-person instruction?**
  - (Exchange Link: Click here, or https://my.thoughtexchange.com/921220825

To answer these questions, and to see responses from other members of the community, please go to the exchange links provided above. Please spend some time rating 20-30 thoughts and suggestions that other participants have shared.

This helps us get a sense of what issues are of particular concern across our community.

Please share your thoughts on this message

Respectfully,

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