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TO: Parents of Students in Alisal Union School District Schools

**RE: Beginning of School Year 2021-22**

Dear Alisal Union School District Parents,

Happy New School Year!

**School Year 2021-22 will begin in three short weeks -- on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.** All District employees are now decisively engaged in preparation for the new school year. The staff of your child's school can't wait to welcome parents and students back to in-person learning.

With some modifications, the District will start the new school year with the traditional model followed before the COVID-19 pandemic struck – **children in school, in person. Students will be required to wear masks;** also, doors and windows will remain open during class to provide for improved air circulation. Such equipment air purifiers and desk shields, will continue to be used. Students will attend regular classroom instruction from 8:15 a.m. until the regular end of day (normally 2:40 p.m.).

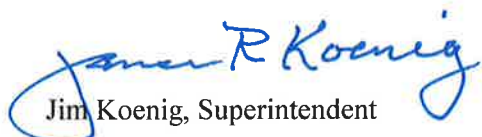
**In person instruction is safe.** The District taught in person for two months last year without any in-school COVID-19 Infections; by following the prescribed safety procedures, we will do the same in all of School Year 2021-22.

The District will no longer offer "Remote Instruction" during the new school year. The Independent Study (IS) option will be available if you, the parents or guardian, believe that your child's health would be put at risk by in-person school attendance. If interested, please contact the District office (Dr. Esteban Hernandez or Angie Gutierrez, 831-753-5700, extension 2010 or 2011), or your school's administrative office after July 20, 2021, to review, complete and return the Independent Study Agreement not later than July 28, 2021. The agreement must be signed by you, your child, and your Site Principal.

Another exciting change this school year is the beginning of the transition to Full Day Kindergarten at five of our twelve schools – Bardin Elementary, Fremont Elementary, Frank Paul Elementary, Monte Bella Elementary and Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary. Classes at these schools will begin with Half-Day Kindergarten on August 4; these schools will begin Full Day Kindergarten on Monday, September 8, 2021.

**Look forward to seeing you, and your students, on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, when a splendid new academic year begins.**

Sincerely,

  
Jim Koenig, Superintendent