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July 22, 2020

Dear PG Families,

Last Friday, Governor Newsom announced new statewide requirements that public and private schools shall be closed to in-person instruction in counties that are on the state's COVID-19 monitoring list. Unfortunately, Sutter County is on that list, which sadly means Pleasant Grove.

Although our goal was to open in August with students in our classrooms, we simply cannot open in person due to the Governor's order. Schools in these counties must provide distance learning to begin the school year and cannot open for in-person instruction until they have been removed from that monitoring list for 14 consecutive days.

The requirements mandate that students are engaged daily. As I work with staff and we plan for distance learning to meet these new rigorous requirements we will keep you updated. During this planning phase your feedback will be critical. We will once again be sending out a survey inquiring about internet access and technology in the home as well as your needs as a family as you deal with this mandate and distance learning this fall. Please take the time necessary to answer our surveys and participate in our planning process.

Many of you may have heard about a waiver to allow elementary schools such as ours to return to school. The specifics and guidelines for such a waiver have not been announced. Once they have, Pleasant Grove will be working with Sutter County Public Health and County Office of Education to determine if we meet the criteria to open safely.

Our highest priority is to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff as we begin the new school year. We are hoping for a positive outcome in the number of cases in our county which will allow us to open in person very soon.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office for any questions or concerns. You can contact Sherry Matrix at sherrym@sutter.k12.ca.us, or contact me directly at davet@sutter.k12.ca.us.

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and understanding. Together we will get through this horrible pandemic and hopefully soon bring some normalcy back to our awesome school!

Sincerely,



Dave Tarr
Superintendent/Principal