

BROWNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hello Browns School Families,

Governor Newsom held a press conference last Friday regarding the reopening of schools. Up until this day he and the CDE had left the reopening of schools under local control, meaning our school board, and in accordance with CDC and CDE guidelines. That officially changed on Friday. There was a great deal of information but obviously the main take-away was that if your school district is in a county on a watch list (which Sutter County is on) then under a forthcoming executive order by the Governor, your school is to open through distance learning only. There are specific parameters that are involved to be a county on the watch list and how you come off the watch list. Once we come off the watch list then we will have to wait 14 days until we can have in person education.

I know and understand that we all have our opinions regarding this virus, how to stay safe, and what is best for our students. I want you to know that we had, and still have a plan when we are able to reopen, for our students to be on site according to the guidelines from the CDE and CDC. We will now have distance learning to our phased plan.

- This is an executive order directly from the Governor; subsequently districts and boards that don't comply could face legal, funding, and liability consequences based on information I have received. This situation is far different as it comes directly from the Governor's office and is connected to a health order.
 - **In-Person Reopening Criteria**
 - If a local health jurisdiction (LHJ) has been on the [state monitoring list](#) within the last 14 days, the school and school district must conduct distance learning only, until the LHJ has been removed from the monitoring list for at least 14 days.
- Our form of distance learning will not be like last spring. There will be accountability, attendance, and grades that rise and fall. We will have daily contact with every student and there will be virtual instruction for a portion of each day.
- Our entire staff will meet this challenge head on and we will do our absolute best to educate your children to the best of our abilities.
- We have no idea when Sutter County will come off the watch list. There is a metric for when a county comes off the watch list and then further guidelines when a school returns to on site education.

There's no way to make this sound good; however, the safety of our students and staff has always been one of our highest priorities. Although sudden and direct this executive order has at its core this in mind. I think we all knew this was going to be difficult no matter what so it will be crucial that we band together and make the best of this situation. We figured out a way to do this once before in about two weeks. It certainly wasn't the best situation but we got through it. We will be back at school, hopefully soon and safely. This is also the 'latest' information, not the 'last'. We will keep you informed as details unfold.

Take care and be safe,

Mike Scully

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