



Dear Cardiff Schools Staff and Families,

We hope this finds you well and that you are having a good summer!

You may have heard the announcement that Los Angeles Unified and San Diego Unified have both just announced plans to start the year online instead of in-person. This email is to provide you with an update on our district's planning.

Here in Cardiff, we have been hard at work in anticipation of safely returning students, teachers, and staff to our schools on August 25th, which is the first day of the 2020-21 school year. We have procured specialized cleaning and sanitation equipment as well as personal protective equipment.

We are prepared to begin the new school year with a full return to classroom instruction but could pivot to a staggered start hybrid model plan or a distance learning model if necessary. Cardiff staff will continue to review the guidance and requirements being updated by the Governor's office, the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Education, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, and the San Diego County Office of Education, and a special board meeting will be scheduled to further discuss plans. **Our intent is to finalize start up plans by the end of July in order to allow time for staff and families to prepare.**

Meanwhile, as promised in May as part of our parent survey, we have created the Cardiff Virtual Academy, a fully online option for families that do not prefer on-campus instruction in the 2020-21 school year. This separate option will be consistently online all year long, and will not have a presence on campus. Please see the [Cardiff Virtual Academy Enrollment Form](#) to view program details and to enroll a student in this yearlong program. Families who did not express early interest in this option may still participate. The registration window will be open through August 3rd to allow ample time for consideration. For questions about the program, please contact craig.leach@cardiffschools.com.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we process the high volume of changing information. Our priority continues to be the safety of students and staff. The uncertainty of these times makes it necessary to remain flexible while also maintaining a steadfast commitment to doing whatever we can in our children's best interests.

We look forward to providing you additional updates as they become available.

Best,

Jill Vinson
Superintendent