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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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We wanted to provide you with an update about our plans for reopening schools. The District shall open all schools on August 10, 2020 for in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible following El Dorado County Public Health guidance. While in the COVID-19 environment, we have 3 plans: one is 5 days of normal on campus instruction with numerous precautions; another is rotating days for A/B cohorts (every other day on campus); the other scenario is Distance Learning as a last resort. We will follow County Health directions on approved plan elements as determined by our current County COVID-19 phase of operation when school resumes.

The District Reopening Committee consisting of 48 teachers, staff, nurses, administration, counselors, and parents, drafted the attached reopening plan in conjunction with input from the El Dorado County Public Health Department and State guidance. The Reopening Committee was tasked with preparing for multiple scenarios based on the amount of COVID-19 cases and hospitalization rates in our county. The goal was to prepare a plan for staff, students, families, and the community to understand our readiness and flexibility based on varied conditions.

We recognize the importance of returning students to school campuses for in-person instruction, as well as the overarching need to protect the health and safety of our students, school staff, and broader community. Therefore, the goal of the attached document is to help schools plan for and implement measures to reduce COVID-19 transmission in the school setting, while meeting the educational needs of all students.

In addition, the District recognizes that students or members of students' households may be vulnerable and more at risk for COVID-19. Therefore, the District created a new Online Distance Learning Program designed to provide those students with a quality education while maintaining maximum social distancing. Application information for the new program was sent to EDUHSD families yesterday on July 1, 2020. To learn more about the Online Distance Learning Program, visit the El Dorado Union High District website.

One area that we want to be open about is the reduction of transportation routes and increasing the distance for busing. We will no longer be able to transport students who live less than a three mile distance from school. Transportation will be notifying people impacted by this reduction and fewer students will be on buses and we will be encouraging families to coordinate ride sharing to help students get safely to and from school.

On Wednesday, July 22, 2020 District Administration and the Board of Trustees will announce the plan with which the schools will open. Thank you for your continued partnership in helping us keep our schools and our students safe and healthy as we navigate a reality that none of us could have ever imagined. Please stay safe and enjoy the remainder of your summer.