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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) and School Reopening Communication #19

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Dear Upland Unified School District Staff, Families and Community

As we get closer to the start of the 2020-2021 school year, we want to share with you our plans to ensure that ALL students receive *rigorous instruction*. This term has been used by the governor and District staff to describe high-quality teaching of standards-aligned curriculum that challenges students and provides them the best opportunity to succeed. So what will that look like once school begins on August 26th?

Unlike last spring, students will engage in daily live interaction, also known as *synchronous learning*, with their teachers and peers. The California Department of Education defines this as two-way communication between students and a certificated employee every school day. At Upland Unified, synchronous learning will consist of students engaging in whole-group, small-group and independent assignments and projects, progress monitoring, and opportunities to maintain school and social connectedness.

All students will have access to:

- Virtual classroom(s)
- Daily live interaction
- Assessments
- Feedback on progress
- One-on-one and small group support
- Virtual school-wide events

Our English Learners will receive designated and integrated English Language Development, including assessing their language proficiency, providing language support so they can access the curriculum, and the opportunity to redesignate as English Language Proficient.

Our Students with Disabilities will be provided a continuity of services by our Special Education teachers and related service providers through synchronous and asynchronous learning, as appropriate, to each student based on the student's IEP. Students will receive the necessary accommodations to ensure each IEP is executed to the maximum extent possible in a distance learning environment.

We look forward to partnering with you to provide an excellent educational experience to all of our UUSD scholars so they can be (1) safe connected and engaged, (2) academically prepared, empowered, and (3) college and career equipped.

Additionally, please take a moment to access the next community update meeting at <https://linktr.ee/UplandUSD>, which will go live on August 12, 2020 at 6 p.m. Thank you again for your support.

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