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Dear Upland Unified School District Families,

As mentioned in our most recent Community Updates, UUSD requested and has been granted a waiver by the California Department of Public Health allowing us to reopen our elementary schools. We wanted to update you on our plans, while emphasizing – first and foremost – that the safety and well-being of our students and staff has been and remains our No. 1 priority.

As part of the waiver process, UUSD will reopen our elementary schools in phases, beginning with TK-3rd grade students at Valencia and Sierra Vista Elementary Schools whose families selected our blended or traditional model. These students will begin receiving instruction in person on Monday, November 30th.

Please note that in-person instruction will require safety modifications including one way entry and exit procedures, requirement of masks, physical distancing, limited social interaction, elimination of recess and meals being served on campus and daily health screenings.

The 2nd phase will include four additional elementary schools – Cabrillo, Citrus, Magnolia and Pepper Tree. TK-3rd grade students whose families selected our blended or traditional model will begin in-person instruction after the winter break on January 4th, 2021.

The 3rd phase will begin Tuesday, January 26th, 2021, at Baldy View, Foothill Knolls, Sycamore and Upland Elementary schools – again, for TK-3rd grade students whose families selected our blended model or traditional model. Our goal is to expand to opening grades 4th-6th no later than February, 2021.

Only those families who selected our blended or traditional model will receive in-person instruction during their designated a.m. or p.m. synchronous learning blocks. If you selected full distance learning for the school year, then you will remain in full distance learning unless you request a change and space is available. If you would like to put in a request to change your model from blended to full distance learning or from full distance learning to blended, you will be provided a survey to request the change at least four weeks before your phase begins. **You do not need to do anything, if you do not want to make any changes to your current model.**

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you to provide an excellent rigorous educational experience to all of our UUSD scholars so they can be (1) safe, connected and engaged, (2) academically prepared and empowered, and (3) college and career equipped. At the same time, we want to assure you that all appropriate health and safety protocols will be followed during this transition period and beyond.

We will provide more details about our elementary reopening plans in the next community update scheduled **November 4th at 6:00 p.m.** <https://linktr.ee/UplandUSD>.

