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Dear EGUSD Students, Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you well. We look forward to a safe and full return to school for the upcoming school year and I want to take this moment to provide you with a brief progress update with some important dates.

Finishing the 2020-21 School Year

Student Assessment: As planned, we will be assessing each student's educational progress this spring to determine where they stand in relation to grade level standards. These assessments will help inform our summer programs and student goals for the next school year.

Graduations: As we near graduation, please be assured that we will have in-person graduations for high schools with a virtual option available for those who might feel uncomfortable attending a live ceremony. We are evaluating the pros and cons of both an indoor and outdoor event, accounting for safety, capacity, weather and timing. As a reminder, our Senior graduation dates are the week of May 24-28, 2021 and final graduation celebration details will be shared by the end of April.

- **Indoor Plans:** The Golden 1 Center is our preferred venue for our comprehensive high schools and the Sheldon HS Performing Arts Center will be where all seniors attending our alternative education schools will have their ceremony.
 - The date to determine if Golden 1 is a viable option will be April 23rd.
 - The date to announce details if Golden 1 is selected will be April 30th.
- **Outdoor plans:** In the event that the Golden 1 Center is not a viable option, we are exploring the use of two of our District's stadiums and may consider a morning and/or evening schedule based on the weather and local climate conditions.
 - The date to announce graduation ceremony details if Golden 1 is not an option will be April 30th.

We believe we can address all of the venue option challenges and we look forward to recognizing our graduating Class of 2021 Seniors and celebrating their success with their friends and family.

Summer Learning Program

Our summer learning for 2021 will take place between June 7th and July 30th, 2021. Specific site plans and dates are still being finalized.

Upcoming 2021-2022 School Year Update

Return to Full In-Person Instruction: All of our efforts and State/County indicators point toward a return to full in-person instruction. Planning for the 2021-2022 school year is well underway. An enormous thank you goes out to the hundreds of parents who in response to our invitation, signed

up to participate in our planning process. Starting as early as next week on April 21st, in order to accommodate such a large group, we will host four virtual facilitated listening sessions with breakout rooms for discussion, input and feedback. Together with other teams, by mid-June we will announce a finalized 2021-2022 return to school plan.

2021-2022 Important Dates: The Year Round School Tracks B, C, D start date is July 15, 2021 (Track A: August 16, 2021) and the Traditional/Modified Traditional start date is August 12, 2021.

Future Virtual Learning: We are gathering information from parents who may be interested in a virtual learning option for next year. Based on current California law, virtual learning options for students for the 2021-2022 school year are currently limited to our Virtual Academy and Independent Study programs. If the California State legislature approves a law to allow ongoing distance learning options and programs for students during the 2021-2022 school year, we may be able to provide additional virtual learning options next year, but there are many unknowns at this point in time.

Thank you to our students, families, teachers and staff for all of your efforts and resilience throughout this school year. Our District continues to be focused on effectively supporting our students for the balance of this school year, developing our summer school programming, and planning for a strong and full return to school for the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHRISTOPHER R. HOFFMAN', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent