Happy Homecoming Friday Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for October 22, 2021.

Weekly Attendance Rate:

As a District, we are striving to increase our attendance rate to at least 95%. We are currently hovering around 90-91%. We know that the more students are at school and accessing instructional time, the better they are able to achieve. Please share again the importance of regular attendance with your students.

Quarantine Procedures:

Quarantine protocols for close contacts are as follows to allow asymptomatic students to remain on campus during quarantine under a "modified quarantine" status. This change is in line with the CDPH guidance. This will allow us to keep students at school for the entire quarantine period if they are identified as a close contact as long as two conditions are met:

- 1. Students remain asymptomatic
- 2. Students rapid test twice weekly during the 10-day quarantine period
 - a. A permission form must be on file in the school office

If your student is determined to be a close contact and you wish for them to remain on campus, they can be tested at school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in room 405 with a rapid test. If you do not have a testing permission form completed and on file, please complete the registration form on our website and bring it with you and your student to the testing area. If your student tests negative, he/she may remain at school. If he/she receives a positive test result, you will need to take him/her home to quarantine.

The testing procedure used on campus is either a nasal swab PCR test or a nasal swab antigen rapid test.

Unvaccinated students that are placed on modified quarantine cannot participate in extracurricular activities until cleared by a negative test after day 7.

Resilient Community

We ask that our community continue to work with us to make sure we can provide the safe learning environment that our students and staff deserve.

Parents—please help us keep our campus open by reminders to students to follow mask guidance which includes wearing a mask that meets CDPH guidelines and practice good handwashing.

Athletics:

• If you are interested in playing any Winter or Spring sports, please get registered on the 8 to 18 website as soon as possible. Coaches will begin season planning and sending our communications prior to the season starting.

Summerville High Foundation Drive Through Dinner:

Here is the information for the Drive-Thru, Take-Out BBQ now scheduled at Willow Springs Club House in Soulsbyville on Sunday, November 7th. 1:30pm thru 5:30pm. 1. 1st Pickup Session starts from 1:30 pm -3 pm

2. 2nd Pickup Session is from 3:30 pm to 5 pm.

The Grocery Card Raffle Drawing will happen at 5:30 pm that day.

We will also be revealing the names of the 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees at the BBQ event.

Food Choices from Tim McEwen's Sierra's Table will be: Dinner for 4: BBQ'd full Tri-Tip and 2 sides (beans and salad) \$60 Dinner for 2: BBQ'd 1/2 Tri-tip and 2 sides(same sides as above) \$35.00 One full tri-tip: no sides \$45.00

Home-made Cookies from Mountain Coffee and Bakery-Jamestown, CA

All sales are pre-paid reservations only-no on-site sales that day. Deadline for reservations: Friday, October 29, 2021.

Two ways to get tickets: website, <u>summervillefoundation.org</u> or Call: Jan Hiebert at 209.536.9227 See attached poster

COVID-19 Update:

We are currently seeing a downturn in COVID cases in Tuolumne County, but please continue to do your part to be safe and keep our schools open.

- Safety Protocols: Wear a CDPH approved face covering indoors (mask must properly cover both nose and mouth at all times), wash your hands frequently and stay home if you are not feeling well. Check the Public Health website at https://www.health@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov for information related to the state COVID testing site and vaccination clinics
- Yesterday, a joint statement issued by California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, and California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás Aragón, reaffirmed the state's approach to preventing COVID-19 in schools and protecting our students' health – <u>continuing the</u> <u>state's successful masking requirements in K-12 settings.</u>

"Due to these considerations, California is reaffirming its current approach to COVID-19 prevention and containment in schools and will continue to maintain the universal indoor mask mandate in K-12 schools and will continue to monitor conditions through the winter."

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-307.aspx

- **Student screening:** We request that students/parents check for any COVID symptoms prior to coming to school. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19 and are recommended for testing:
 - Fever (100.4 or higher)
 - o Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - o Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - o Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - o Diarrhea
- Meetings: Any meetings held on school campus require masking (regardless of vaccination status) if held indoors as per Public Health orders. Meetings will have zoom options if people choose not to mask, contact our office if you have any questions.

Updates will continue each week to keep our community informed.

Have a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday.