TO: Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) Students and Parents/Guardians
FROM: Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services
DATE: June 15, 2020
RE: End of School Year and Updates on Fall Planning Efforts

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. We have lived through unprecedented times over the last three months as we have individually and collectively worked to flatten the COVID-19 pandemic curve. Thank you for your daily efforts to keep our community safe. Now, summer is upon us. First, we want to congratulate the graduates/completers of our YCOE programs! We also want to express our appreciation for your efforts to support your student, or personally engage in distance learning as a student, during the past three months. Please know that the YCOE will continue to work hard throughout the summer months to prepare for whatever next school year may bring. Below are some important updates:

**Planning for the Reopening of Schools**

We know you have many questions about next school year. There have been no changes to our 2020-2021 school year calendar and our first day of school is still planned for:

- Cesar Chavez Community School - August 12th, 2020
- Early Childhood Education Programs – August 12th, 2020
- Special Education Programs
  - Davis Programs – August 26th, 2020
  - First Steps Infant Program – August 12th, 2020
  - Greengate School – August 12th, 2020
  - West Sacramento Programs – August 12th, 2020
  - Woodland Programs – August 12th, 2020

That said, what school will look like on that day is still a work in progress. I want to acknowledge the sense of urgency and pressure that families, staff and community members feel to better understand what school will look like in the fall. As you know, Yolo County is now moving through Stage 2 of the Governor’s Resilience Roadmap. This means businesses and activities are slowly beginning to reopen, but crowds and gatherings are still restricted and physical distancing remains important to protecting ourselves and our community. YCOE is working collaboratively with the Yolo County Department of Public Health regarding school reopening.

We are specifically planning for multiple fall reopening scenarios that will be informed by evolving California and Yolo County Shelter and Place orders, research, and examples from other school districts. These scenarios range from a full in-person opening to full distance learning, and many...
iterations in between (hybrid models). At the forefront of our planning efforts are: student and staff health and safety, educational access and equity for all students, regular communication with all stakeholders, and compliance with federal, state and local health orders and guidance from health experts. We will share our YCOE reopening plans with staff, parents and community throughout the summer as they become available.

**Community Resources**

The YCOE website has links to multiple resources to support families with access to food, finding employment, accessing health insurance, maintaining housing, etc. There are also resources for undocumented individuals and their families. You can directly access our website here: [bit.ly/YCOECOVID-19](http://bit.ly/YCOECOVID-19)

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please feel free to contact: Carolynne Beno, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services at [carolynne.beno@ycoe.org](mailto:carolynne.beno@ycoe.org) or (530) 668-6700.