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Dear Faculty, Parents/Guardians and Students,

On Monday, San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools, James Mousalimas, and County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Parks, announced a recommendation for all schools in San Joaquin County to move to a distance learning model for the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year to help stop the spread of the corona virus (see attached notice). Unfortunately, with this new information, we are facing the reality that **Banta school will be in a Distance Learning Model for the beginning of the school year starting August 11th.**

We know that distance learning can be a hardship for many of our families. We will do our best to support all students during this worldwide crisis. Our teachers and instructional staff are working diligently to provide the best educational opportunities they can under these trying circumstances. At this time, we anticipate that there will be three stages for reopening school. Each stage's timeline will be determined by the direction of our County Public Health Officer, and Banta School Board. The phases we are currently planning for are as follows:

Phase 1: Distance Learning (Current Phase)

In this phase the students will be taught in a complete instructional mode following State guidelines concerning curriculum, student expectations on grading and mandatory daily attendance. Teachers will take daily attendance, and students will need to stay engaged and participate throughout the day in their academics. All work will be graded and recorded. This phase will be more rigorous than last spring, and we will strive to support all students in their education endeavors.

Phase 2: Hybrid Model

Classes will be split into Group A and Group B with each group attending school two days a week with three days of distance learning.

- Group A = Attend school Monday and Tuesday, and distance learning on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Group B = Attend school on Thursday and Friday, and distance learning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Wednesday = Deep Cleaning Day and Teacher Preparation/Staff Development

This Phase will permit us to bring students back on campus two days a week and allow each class to have enough space to social distance. Students would remain with their class for the whole day, and would have no contact with other classes. Unfortunately, transportation will not be provided due to the closeness of students on the bus. The school has purchased extra washing stations, placed sanitizing pumps in every room, and will provide face mask for students and staff.

Phase 3: Regular School Day

This is the phase we are hoping to get to soon! It is the traditional school model with school starting at 8:20 and ending at 2:10 for K-3rd graders, and 2:55 for grades 4th through 8th

Thank you for your patience as we work as quickly as possible to respond a rapidly evolving crisis. We will continue to do what is best for all our students, families, and staff.

Sincerely,
Daniel Moore

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Superintendent