



SOUTHERN HUMBOLDT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



June 11, 2021

Dear SHUSD Families and Staff,

I want to first celebrate and acknowledge the extraordinary work and efforts of our talented and dedicated educators and families here in the Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District. In a school year filled with innovation and challenges, we are grateful for the professionalism, commitment, and excellence of our teachers and staff who support our nearly 700 students on a daily basis. Our staff serves as instructional leaders, role models, social/emotional supports, advocates, cheerleaders, and mentors for each student, each day. Thank you to our families and community stakeholders who have expressed confidence and a willingness to work together for our students in our school district.

During this flurry of end-of-year activities, I want to take a few moments to share a few important reminders:

- **The SHUSD Board of Trustees at the April 5, 2021 board meeting approved the 2021-2022 academic calendar. View the calendar on the District website or [Click Here](#)**
- **Continue to keep a close eye on communications, as we will continue to send updates as needed via SchoolWise texts, social media pages, emails, and snail mail.**
- **To register students for the upcoming school year, registration forms can be found on our website and school offices during summer school.**
- **Summer School dates are June 21-July 29; classes will meet in person 4 days/week.**

Looking ahead to next year, we are closely following the state's changes to permissible learning options. In the Governor's May budget update, *the state is ending the emergency authorization funding for Distance Learning. The state budget proposal assumes a return to full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year as the default for students and schools.* The state's independent study framework is currently under revision to add possible enhancements due to COVID-19. Indications at this time is that public schools may offer only two options: full in-person school or Independent Study. If there are any changes, we will share the information as we receive it.

Regarding breakfast and lunch during summer school and in the fall, the school district's Food Services Department will continue to serve meals at no cost to anyone under 18 years of age.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 6th graders as they move on to junior high school, and to our 8th graders as we welcome them to high school!

Tonight we celebrate our Osprey and South Fork High School Senior Class who have endured and have thrived and then worked to overcome so much this year. The Class of 2021 has reached this major milestone in life through resilience, persistence, and determination —our best wishes to them that these qualities and more will serve as a strong foundation for the challenges of the future. We are all excited to hear about these graduates' next endeavors!

Please enjoy a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

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