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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members and Community Members:

As we complete eight weeks of distance learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication of everyone in our school community. Teachers, students and parents have been working together to develop a new educational environment using online learning and video conferencing. Thank you for your trust and patience as we work together to navigate this constantly changing situation.

Although our buildings are physically closed, school is happening virtually at home. We know this time has been especially tough on our most needy families, including many who are living in difficult conditions. Our teachers are working more than ever to connect with students emotionally during these traumatic times while still ensuring learning takes place.

This has also been a difficult time for our high school seniors who have worked hard and achieved so much in their educational career. Many of us are parents and we feel the pain and disappointment in not being able to share in the celebratory events associated with a student's senior year. It is important we all recognize and congratulate our seniors.

During a press conference on April 28, Governor Newsom discussed "with cautious optimism" the possibility of schools reopening for the 2020-21 school year starting this summer. On April 29, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond issued a statement about his intent to explore the possibility of California schools starting earlier with state and national leaders. At this time, we do not anticipate an earlier start date in FJUHSD.

Currently, FJUHSD's start date for the 2020-21 school year is August 11, 2020. This date is already early compared to many school districts. The District will continue to monitor this situation. Additional guidance for schools will be coming from the Governor's office in the following days. As we have more information, we will provide updates to our community.

During the month of May, we are pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate and honor our FJUHSD employees!

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This week, May 4 through May 8 is Teacher Appreciation Week, which recognizes teachers and certificated staff for their dedication, talent, and compassion. Our teachers and certificated staff members have gone above and beyond in helping our students shift from classroom instruction to distance learning. Please join us in thanking all of our teachers and certificated staff for their hard work during this unprecedented time, which has enabled the District to continue to serve students, families and the community.

During the week of May 18-23, 2020, the District will celebrate Classified School Employees Appreciation Week. Classified staff are the paraeducators who work with students, the bus drivers who help get students to and from school safely each day, the maintenance and custodial staff who work to keep our buildings in good shape and the food service workers who provide meals so students have the energy to learn. They are also the clerical and office support staff who help students and parents and the tech department that keeps our technology systems up and running. Please join us in thanking all of our classified school employees for helping make FJUHSD a great place to work and learn.

Thank you students, parents, and community members for your support and strength during these times. We hope you all have a great week and stay healthy.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Scambray", written in a cursive style.

Scott Scambray, Ed.D.
Superintendent