



## McFarland Unified School District

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S. Aaron Resendez – Superintendent

April 27, 2021

Dear McFarland Unified Families and Staff,

As COVID-19 infection rates for Kern County continue to trend downward and vaccination rates increase, McFarland Unified remains committed to returning to “In-Person” instruction for all grades as quickly and as safely to do so.

Recent announcements by California Governor Newsom, the Centers for Disease Control, and Kern County Public Health have provided guidance that allows schools to continue expanding their reopening with safeguards in place to protect students, staff, and the community. These guidelines work within the McFarland Unified School District’s adopted Reopening System.

The District’s system brings students back in intervals to ensure safe operating procedures at our schools. We reopened on March 8th with small groups of students and have added additional grade levels over the past 45 days with success.

**The District’s next addition will be to transition our TK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to a 5 Day school week, Monday-Friday, starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. These students will remain in their small student groups and will continue to rotate on a weekly basis.**

With that said, we previously had a Professional Development training day scheduled for our TK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade educators on May 12<sup>th</sup>. On this Wednesday all students at Kern Ave, Horizon, and Browning will be on Distance Learning with educator contact in the morning.

We appreciate the community’s continued support during this past year and are looking forward to a return to regular school operations in the near future.

Sincerely,  
S.A. Resendez  
Superintendent