August 6, 2021

Dear Woodville USD Staff, Parents, Guardians, and Community:

It’s hard to believe that summer break has come and gone already. As we now look forward to the new and exciting 2021-2022 school year, I would like to welcome our new certificated teaching and classified staff to the Woodville family. It’s going to be an incredible year of learning and opportunity! Our MOT team have been working diligently and extremely hard in preparing our school facilities for a safe return to school for everyone.

I am happy to announce that we are returning back to school for full in-person instruction. The district will continue to follow the CDPH health and safety guidance and practices. Regular cleaning and sanitizing will stay in affect and frequent hand washing by staff and students will be strongly encouraged. As of August 2, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) revised face-covering requirements for schools. All staff and students must wear masks inside classrooms and indoor spaces. However, face coverings will not be mandated for outdoors. The District will continue to review CDC, state, and local health guidelines, and plan to make changes to universal masking protocols based on the individual needs and characteristics of the building and school community.

Although we are returning to full in-person instruction, the district will offer independent study as an educational option as requested by families. Parents and guardians have the right to request a pupil-parent-educator conference to ask questions before making the decision about enrollment or disenrollment in the various options for learning. The conference will be with the principal and may be conducted by telephone, videoconference or in-person. If you wish to request a conference with the principal for your pupil, please contact the school office by phone or e-mail.

It has been a difficult and challenging experience with the pandemic for all of us but the Woodville staff is resilient and ready to move forward. Our district continues to be the source of pride for the community. Our students will receive an exceptional educational experience; it is our goal to prepare them for whichever opportunities they choose to pursue when they leave us.

While I am sorry to see summer break come to an end, I will not miss the hot days. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday, August 13, 2021 for the first day of school. On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, welcome back!

Sincerely,

**Lou Saephan**

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Superintendent, Woodville USD