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## MPESD Parent/Community Letter

March 11, 2021

Dear Mt. Pleasant Community,

We hope this letter finds you well. The purpose of this letter is to provide you and your family updated information regarding our most recent reopening of schools. It has been communicated by the County Health Department that there has been a significant decrease in the incidences of COVID; and an increased availability of vaccines. Santa Clara County is currently in the Red Tier, which allows all grades TK-12 grades to reopen. In response, many school districts within our County including the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District has decided to reopen for in-person instruction.

Over the course of the last few weeks, we have been surveying our parents and staff to gather feedback. The survey results were presented to our Board of Trustees at the March 10, 2021 public board meeting. Through the course of the meeting, the Board listened to statements and comments from our parents, teachers/staff, and community.

In an effort to support the diverse needs of our students and families, **the Board of Trustees took action and has decided to reopen schools for in-person instruction beginning on April 12, 2021, for those families who are interested.** Parents will also be provided the option to continue in Distance Learning throughout the remainder of this school year.

In support of this decision, we will be communicating the details of reopening for in-person instruction which include safety protocols, site preparation, bell schedules, staffing, etc. Our plan will include both in-person instruction and distance learning. Please be aware that not all students who have indicated that they are interested in returning on site will be able to participate. We will continue to share updated communication details of the plan with our entire school community.

On behalf of the MPESD Board and District Leadership, I would like to thank you for your partnership throughout this evolving process. It has been a difficult time for everyone as we navigate uncharted waters together. We appreciate everyone's commitment to working in partnership.

In community spirit,

Dr. Elida MacArthur