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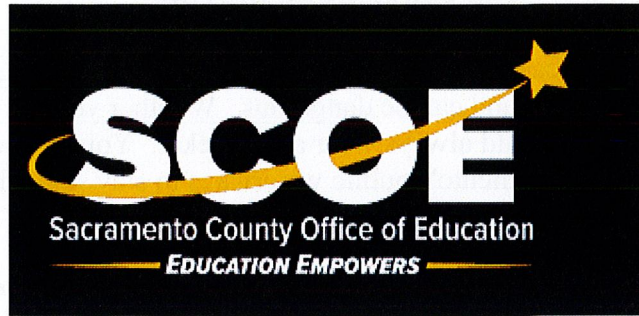
I know I have been inundating you with emails lately and I apologize if I have become a nuisance. However, during these ever evolving and turbulent times, I think it's important to keep you informed as the State and County continue to modify health orders with regard to COVID-19. Following, you will see the latest changes. As much as we all agree that “opening up the economy” is important, pitting the economy against public health is a false choice. A balanced approach is necessary, but keeping our neighbors healthy has to remain our first priority if we are going to defeat this insidious disease which has claimed the lives of over 138,000 Americans, with 7,240 in California alone.

As Dr. Anthony Fauci recently testified, one reason cases continue to climb in the U.S. is because the nation may not have shut down as aggressively as it needed to early in the crisis. He noted that in Europe, as much as 95% of the population was effectively shut down, while in the U.S., the figure was closer to 50%. As a result, they have seen numbers level off and even decrease while ours continue to rise at an alarming rate. With so many people asymptomatic, but carrying and passing the virus on, it is imperative that we all sacrifice together. The sooner we do that, the sooner we can be open for business and see some kind of normalcy.

Now, I invite you to click on this link for a small but moving distraction:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDSstFL\\_d0-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDSstFL_d0-M). We really are in this together.

Please stay safe, healthy and happy.

Patrick



## Sacramento County Schools to Resume with Distance Learning Model

For the past several weeks, superintendents from Sacramento County’s [13 school districts](#) have been working closely with Sacramento County Department of Health Services ([DHS](#)) Director, Dr. Peter Beilenson, and Public Health Officer, Dr. Olivia Kasirye. The goal has been to safely return students to some form of in-person school.

Doctors Beilenson and Kasirye have provided the superintendents with data on increases in the community spread of the [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), and cited the inability of the current testing system to support a sufficient, timely return of test results if schools were to reopen.

In light of these circumstances, the district superintendents and the [Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools](#)—with support from Doctors Beilenson and Kasirye—have made the following determination: schools should resume in August/September 2020 with a Distance Learning model.

We recognize the significant impact school closures have on our entire community, students, families, and staff. The Sacramento County Office of Education ([SCOE](#)) and local school districts will continue to work diligently and collaboratively towards a safe reopening of schools in Sacramento County when health conditions allow.

- [Signed Announcement Regarding Recommendation for August/September 2020 Distance Learning Model](#)

