

SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Silver Valley Families,

As we enter the final week of school, I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every family in the Silver Valley Unified School District for your support through this COVID-19 pandemic. We understand how difficult it has been to do school from home and I truly hope our district was able to deliver a high-quality distance learning program for your child.

I also want to thank our teachers, support staff and administrators for stepping up to meet this unprecedented challenge. In a matter of weeks, every school transitioned to a distance learning model that was meaningful and met the needs of our students. During the eight weeks of distance learning, our Child Nutrition Services Department prepared and provided over 75,000 meals to our students. Silver Valley was able to distribute a laptop and/or hotspot to every family that needed a device and/or connectivity assistance for distance learning. I am incredibly proud of our district and honored to serve our community.

As we look forward to the 2020-21 school year, we are hopeful we can open schools safely in August, following guidelines from public health officials. We understand that nothing compares to having our students back on campus with our teachers and staff there to support them. Having said that, we don't know exactly what conditions will be like in August and it's important that we prepare for all possibilities. Silver Valley Unified School District will offer a virtual "home school" learning model for any K-12th grade student that prefers a distance learning setting. This virtual program would allow students to still have access to their home school activities, clubs, and field trips. We are currently working with CIF to allow any high school student in our virtual program to participate in athletics at Silver Valley High School as well.

Our district will be offering online enrollment for all families this summer. This will allow families to begin the enrollment process no matter where they are. More details on online enrollment to come soon.

Again, our goal would be that we can start school in August, with our students physically present and safety protocols in place. If conditions are not safe for students to return in August, we will be prepared to offer a high quality, distance learning program to our all families.

Thank you for choosing Silver Valley Unified School District. It is truly an honor to serve our community. We hope you have a fun, safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

Jesse M Najera Superintendent

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