September 7, 2021

**CUYAMA JOINT UNFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Guardians/community:

The Cuyama Joint Unified School District welcomed all our K-12 students for In-Person Instruction for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 23, 2021. The Cuyama Joint Unified School District School board has set the direction for the 2021-2022 school year. Some of the new initiatives are made possible through the one-time Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant and one-time ESSER grants. Our district is very transparent with how it is using some of these one-time funds to serve our students. Some new district program initiatives include but are not limited to the following:

1. Hired two Response to intervention teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

2. Maintain staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. Summer school opportunity in 2022 and 2023.

4. Buy additional laptops to make sure every student has a device during the 2021-2022 school year.

5. Pay for T-Mobile hot spot usage during the 2021-2022 school year.

6. Strengthen software/hardware UBS internet connection for stronger reliability throughout the district.

7. Seesaw educational learning platform.

8. School facility repairs at elementary kitchen and room #15.

9. Personal Protective equipment (PPE) for the 2021-2022 school year. Some PPE include masks, N95 masks, plexi-glass, gloves, disinfectant products and wipes, thermometers, Covid testing as necessary, and other materials/equipment as needed.

In addition, the district paid for and adopted a new social studies curriculum/materials for the K-12th grades. The district has an accelerated reader program and a Reading/Math STAR assessment tool that will be used this year.

All of our educational plans can be found on the Cuyama Joint Unified School District website. Once you enter the website, click on the “District” icon, then scroll down to plans and click that icon. You will arrive to the destination where our plans are located. You will see the Safe Return to In-Person Instructional plan, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) plan, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan, and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The board approved the District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2021-2022 plan on July 8, 2021. In addition, the Cuyama Joint Unified School District approves two interim and final unaudited actuals budget each school year to keep the community apprised of the district’s finances. The school board also approves a budget each year in June. All of the interim budgets and approved budget are agenda items and backup materials are also available on the website. The Cuyama Joint Unified School District board and school district are focused on providing communication and transparency to all stakeholders.

Finally, we appreciate the support of our parents/guardians/ and community. We are very excited with our school district initiatives and the ability to provide our students a top-notch educational experience. If you have any questions regarding our district programs and/or plans, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gamino at 661-718-4985 or the elementary school office at 661-766-2642.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Gamino, Superintendent

Cuyama Joint Unified School District