



## Corcoran Unified School District

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Dear Corcoran Joint Unified School District Parents and Staff,

We are days away from completing the 2021/2022 school year. I am very proud and thankful of our students, staff, families and district for working tremendously hard to finish strong. We have been through a tremendous amount in the last couple of years and have maneuvered through many challenges together. We have kept students, safety and learning in the forefront of our decision-making processes and will continue to do so in the future.

As I reflect upon this year, I am immediately reminded of the incredible staff that works on behalf of students and families; you truly make a difference! I am also grateful for the tremendous partners we have in our community, including families who emphasize the importance of education and work hand-in-hand with our school staff to support our students. Together, we provide a safe and encouraging learning environment where all of our students are supported academically and socially-emotionally. Finally, I would like to thank our CJUSD governing board for making decisions on what is best for students.

As we wrap up this school year and look forward to the coming school year, I would like to provide our families and staff with some updates to look forward to when we return from the summer break.

The district will begin utilizing Aeries ParentSquare, which is a communication tool designed to keep parents informed and to help facilitate participation at the schools. It provides a safe way for school principals, teachers, staff and parents to send and receive school and class information, share photos, files and links and post calendar items. This tool allows parents to receive information via email, text, and voice or through the Smartphone app. The communication tool will be universal across our schools, which will facilitate timely and seamless communication with our families.

Additionally, our student dress code will reflect some minimal but impactful changes. Students in TK-8 grade will no longer be required to wear collared shirts to school. While this reflects a sizable change in our practice, the rest of the dress code will remain the same. Please review a copy of the dress code that your child's school will provide to you so that you and your child may prepare appropriately before the return to school in August.

Finally, our morning drop-off of students at Bret Harte, Fremont, Mark Twain and John Muir schools will all see changes that will improve the safety, efficiency and timeliness of these practices. Each school will be updating its practices so that the circle drive in front of the school will be utilized to facilitate parents dropping off their children each morning. Later this summer, the school and district websites will include copies of maps and videos of what the drop-off routine will look like at each of these schools. Some of the entry points into the circle drive as well as the flow of traffic around the schools may be impacted so it will be important for families to familiarize themselves with these new expectations and traffic flows prior to the first day of school. Families will also receive additional information and reminders of these new practices prior to school starting.

Please enjoy this last week of school and I wish you all the best over the summer. While students will be on vacation, I will continue to encourage our families to engage in learning opportunities with them including reading together, exploring nature, learning about a topic together through research and visiting new, interesting places. Be safe and I look forward to our students and staff kicking off an exciting new school year in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Ochoa  
Superintendent