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### **IMPORTANT Updates and Change to Asymptomatic Testing Schedule**

Dear SBSB Families,

What a week it has been as students and staff have returned to our schools and to ImmersiveEDU. It was a delight to visit classrooms and welcome students back on Monday.

As shared in many communications, we all wish we were in a different place and time regarding life in a pandemic. With anything new, especially a new school year requiring the necessary attention to health and safety mitigation measures, we acknowledge it has been a bit bumpy as we identify areas we need to review, refine, and/or revise.

One important point of information is regarding the positive cases that have been identified and reported since returning to school. It is important to note that each and every positive case in Solana Beach School District has been a result of outside-of-school community transmission and no transmission has occurred at any of our SBSB schools. Community transmissions, rather than in-school transmissions, seem to be the trend at other districts around the county as well.

The [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) was reactivated this week.

As a district we are gathering updated information daily from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to adjust or refine 2021-22 School Year plans which include the following:

- Health and safety mitigation measures:
  - Facial coverings (Masking)
  - Outdoor eating and playing
  - Ventilation
- Quarantining Process (please see [Decision Tree](#))
  - Day 11 Return
  - Day 8 Return
  - Modified (in school) Quarantine
- COVID Testing - I regret to inform you that the previously shared asymptomatic testing schedule will be delayed due to testing kits not having arrived. *Therefore, the testing schedules principals shared with their families will not be activated until further notice.*

As the Delta variant continues to spread in our communities, we will continue to revisit and refine 2021-22 School Year plans. It may also be necessary to revise existing processes and protocols that the Board adopted April 15, 2021 and updated July 22, 2021.

Therefore, a Special Board meeting is being scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, August 26. That afternoon, 2021-22 School Planning will be the second agenda item. Special Board meetings are from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and are accessible to staff, parents, and community members through Zoom.

I will be sending weekly communication updates to our families as we continue to settle into the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,

Jodee Brentlinger, Superintendent