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## **ETIWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE TO FAMILIES**

November 20, 2020

*We will continue to provide updates about how the pandemic is impacting our schools through our district website, email communications and our social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook and Twitter). We encourage you to check these platforms regularly.*

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**Have Questions or Need Assistance?** - Our District Office and school offices are open to assist families. Additionally, questions can be emailed to: [ESDAssistance@etiwanda.org](mailto:ESDAssistance@etiwanda.org).

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I hope this message finds you and your family well as we begin moving toward the Thanksgiving break which takes place Monday, November 23 through Friday, November 27, 2020. The following update provides important information about the school calendar and the status of our elementary school reopening waiver application.

In an effort to better accommodate planning and instruction this year, two adjustments have been made to the 2020-21 school year calendar. The January non-student day is moved to Friday, January 15, 2021, and the Lincoln holiday will now be observed on Friday, February 12, 2021. Please view the [2020-21 school year calendar](#) on our district website for more detail.

In our last update, I shared that our elementary school reopening waiver application was submitted on November 5, 2020. The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) website indicates the status of this application is pending which means it is currently under review. Information on this website indicates reopening waivers for schools in areas with daily case rates above 14 cases per 100,000 residents may be denied.

Unfortunately, transmission rates in our area have steadily increased over the past few weeks with the most recent daily case rate listed as 27 cases per 100,000 residents in San Bernardino County and 25.2 cases per 100,000 in the Etiwanda School District. Due to the current case rates exceeding the allowable limit for reopening waiver approval, our waiver will most likely be denied. Due to the strong likelihood of the waiver denial, and to allow our families and staff to plan their schedules with certainty, our District is not planning for elementary schools to reopen until sometime after the winter break when case rates are reduced and the waiver is approved. A district does not need to reapply when a waiver is denied. DPH keeps the waiver, monitors case rates, and resubmits the waiver for state approval when case rates are reduced below 14.0 cases per 100,000 residents. Our District will continue to monitor COVID-19 transmission rates in our area and keep our families informed regarding the status of our reopening waiver.

While we understand that some of the information included in this update may be discouraging, we remain hopeful that conditions will improve in the near future. Our commitment to meeting the needs of our students and families and providing a high-quality education is unwavering.

We wish you and your family a happy, safe and healthy Thanksgiving and look forward to resuming virtual instruction on Monday, November 30, 2020.