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Dear Ripon Unified Families,

We miss you and cannot wait to welcome back our students to freshly cleaned, beautified, and improved facilities. As always, the safety of our students and staff remain our number one priority. This COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for everyone. Information regarding the virus continues to update daily, along with the resultant economic harm that is being incurred due to the pandemic.

Education is truly the cornerstone of our nation's future. Since our campus closures on March 13<sup>th</sup>, staff has been working diligently in designing and integrating distance learning lessons to provide the best learning opportunities for all of our students across all grade levels. However, we recognize the additional burden that has been placed upon our families. We are most appreciative of the sacrifices that have been made, the support you have provided to the children, and commend you for your dedication to continued learning for all. Your partnership is invaluable.

Presently we are planning to start school on August 12<sup>th</sup>. However, at this time we know this will require certain restrictions be put in place, such as social distancing, additional sanitization procedures, perhaps even wearing masks and utilizing other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff. These plans will likely require specific scheduling changes as well. Be assured it is our desire to meet the needs of all our families; whether it be a complete return to school for all, a blended at school/distance learning approach, or for those who may be medically at-risk or other extenuating circumstances who may need to remain on the distance learning platform. Staff is working on multiple plans to handle each potential scenario.

The Ripon Unified School District is in constant communication with local, state, and federal health agencies including the City of Ripon, the California Department of Education, and the San Joaquin County Office of Education and will continue to use this information to develop plans that will be in the best interest of our students and families.

Please check your email and our [riponusd.net](http://riponusd.net) website frequently over the summer break. If you have questions, or need to reach out to your school principal for specifics, email is best. We will share new information as soon as it becomes available. Take good care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ziggy Robeson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ziggy Robeson  
Superintendent