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Dear Ripon Unified Staff, Students, and Families,

Our phased approach to returning our students to their classrooms has been going extremely well. At this time, we are continuing our incremental transition of students back to our campus classrooms. In August, our Ripon Afterschool Program (RAP) reopened to our students whose parents are essential workers. Within the month of September, we welcomed back our tier three classes, small cohorts of tutoring groups, and our TK-3 grade classes. The 4th-6th grade students joined their classmates in-person at their school campuses on October 12th. Currently, in the next week we have plans to bring back a few cohorts of Career Technical Education (CTE) classes at Ripon High School. Next step is to bring back our 7th and 8th grade students on Monday, November 9th. We are finalizing preparations for our high school students' return date. Another communication will be sent to families next week with more details. Soon school staff will be reaching out to families on the distance learning list. For those students currently receiving distance learning, these classes will continue until Winter break.

Administration is following the COVID-19 statistics on a regular basis and continuing to monitor how our county is fluidly moving through the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

As our district is a public entity receiving state and federal money as a public school system it is imperative that we follow the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: School and School Based Programs Guidelines provided by the California Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA COVID -19 General Checklist for Schools and School-Based Programs. We have implemented numerous procedures and protocols using these documents as guidance, as well as input from our San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and County Office of Education.

It has been our goal since the initial school campus closures on March 13th to bring back our students in to the classroom for in-person learning, as soon as it was safe with the implementation of the needed precautions for students and staff. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our students/families and are most grateful for your support and patience as we work together to get through this challenging and ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ziggy Robeson
Superintendent