

July 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to reach out to inform and update you on the progress Pacific Union is making toward a return to campus in the fall. We have made an attempt to reach out to every family and appreciate the feedback that was shared with us. In doing so, I realize many of you have very specific questions and concerns. We are currently working on a detailed plan that will address most, if not all of your questions. Our priority is the safety of our students and staff. Therefore, we are working to create a safe learning environment that best meets the needs of all students, while following current department of health guidelines.

Since the closure of school last March, I have been working in conjunction with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Office, Fresno County Department of Health, guidelines from the Governor's office and various other local and state agencies, as well as surrounding school district Superintendents. We have been in contact weekly and sometimes daily, to ensure our plan of return meets the most current and up to date mandates and protocols.

With that said, Pacific Union will reopen in the fall with a hybrid schedule of both in class and distance learning instruction. While on campus, all current guidance from the Fresno County Department of Health will be followed including, daily health screening for staff and students, 6 foot social distancing, required face coverings for staff and strongly encouraged to be used by students when 6 foot social distancing cannot be maintained, frequent cleaning and sanitation of surfaces, and frequent handwashing and use of sanitizer.

At this time, with social distancing requirements, buses will only be able to transport 12-15 students. We know this is far from ideal and can present a hardship for many of our families. We will expand services if and when the county health department allows more individuals on the bus.

In the coming weeks, we will be communicating more specific details of schedules and starting plans for each of our students. These plans will include the days and times your child will attend school, whether bus transportation is available, and other specific information for your child/children's school day. We are working diligently to provide a cohesive, structured, educational environment while following county public health orders. As guidelines and mandates change, we will continue to update you with the latest information. I thank each and every one of you for your support and understanding in this most difficult and ever changing time.

Sincerely,

Annette S. Machado  
Superintendent/Principal