



A Message from Superintendent Greg Blake July 15, 2021

Greetings Thermalito Families,

It's hard to believe that it's already mid-July and we are almost through our summer school programs. We are thrilled that we have nearly 300 students enrolled and participating in our Adventures in Reading and Summer's Cool programs. We are already making plans for Summer 2022 to expand our student opportunities during the summertime.

Having our students back on campus and engaged in learning has us excited to welcome all of our students back for in-person, full-day instruction on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. If you have questions after reading this letter about alternate educational options please click this link for [Independent Study](#) information.

As students enjoy the remaining days of summer break, we want to keep families informed of State-level decisions impacting local schools. The State of California continues to update its COVID guidelines and on July 12, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) came out with new guidelines for K-12 schools. While we had hoped for a COVID-restriction-free return to school, the state has yet to lift the mask wearing requirement for students while indoors. Use the link below if you'd like to read the full text of the new guidance published on July 12, 2021, by the CDPH

[“CDPH COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year.”](#)

Because the guidelines change regularly, we are watching closely for updates and, in turn, will share what we learn with our families. Again, the new K-12 guidance is set by the State of California. Local school districts did not have input into this document. We encourage those with strong feelings regarding the K-12 School Guidance to contact the CDPH, the Governor's office, and/or other state officials.

There has been a whirlwind of changes to our school programs during the last eighteen months and we look forward to addressing the educational impacts of COVID. Thank you for being a part of our Thermalito schools community, for your patience, and for your unwavering commitment to all of our students. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Take Care,

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