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Opening Letter

DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to the 20th issue of the Multilingual Parent Newsletter. We hope you and your family are well and excited about the transition to in-person school.

This edition of the newsletter provides more resources for parents and families regarding the safe reopening of schools. While some schools have already begun instruction, others will follow in the coming month(s).

We welcome you and your child(ren) back to school!

New Informational Resources

State of California: Safe Schools for All Hub Reopening Schools

Parents may have questions regarding the safe reopening of schools. It is important that parents and families follow local COVID-19 requirements. For instance, if you have any

questions regarding mask requirements, contact your local school district or school personnel.

For more parent information, please visit the California Safe Schools for All: Safe Schools Parent Page web page at <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/pages/parent-page>, and for comprehensive information, visit the State of California: Safe Schools for All Hub web page at <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>.

The next school year (2021–22) can begin with offering full in-person instruction to all students (full days, five days per week). Some staff, students, and families may continue to request accommodations.

Informational Resources Included in Every Issue

School Lunch Information: CA Meals for Kids

Parents can still pick up school lunches during COVID-19 related school closures. Use the "CA Meals for Kids" mobile app to find meals near you or can contact your school district directly for more information. Some districts now offer home delivery for school lunches. Parents should contact their child's school to see if the school participates in this optional program.

Please see the CDE News Release on the CA Meals for Kids App Update at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/497627>.

Getting Internet Access

If you do not have access to the internet at home, there are several companies offering service to families. Contact the companies listed on the CDE web page link below to discuss available plans.

Please visit the CDE Getting Internet Access: Available Plans web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/498321> or visit the Internet For All Now website at http://www.internetforallnow.org/get_affordable_internet_today.

Masks Help Everyone Around You

COVID-19 and variants are circulating throughout California and the best way to slow the spread is to wear a mask whenever you leave the house. Check with your local county on mask requirements.

The California Department of Public Health has published the video below to educate the public on how to correctly wear a mask and protect yourself and those around you

from COVID-19. Help us spread the word by sharing the video with your networks and communities on social media.

The **How to Wear a Mask** video is available on the California Public Health YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQXTY4hcNUU>.

For the latest information regarding COVID-19 and California's response, visit the California for All website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>, or for up-to-date information on masking, visit the California Department of Public Health web page at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>.

CDE Free Streaming Video Subscription Service

Due to the ongoing need for virtual resources for children ages birth through preschool, the CDE is providing free access to numerous resources for families and teachers through the Streaming Video Subscription Service. The Streaming Video Subscription Service allows users to search by age and includes short videos about infant and toddler development, preschool learning foundations, language development, early learning in home care settings, inclusion for children with special needs, and more. To view the resources, please visit the CDE Web site at <https://www.cdevideos.org>.

The website is currently being updated to provide **free and direct access to all registered users**.

Home Learning Resources

Fun Ways to Engage Your Family in Bilingual and Multicultural Literacy This Summer

Expanding your child's language skills is good for brain and social development! There is a social benefit of living in such a rich and culturally diverse world. Learning another language and understanding other cultures is important in today's multicultural and multilingual climate. Below is a free recommended resource from First5LA (available in multiple languages) that you can use with your children at home or they can use on their own. Click on "Translate" at the top of the First5LA web page for other languages.

<https://www.first5la.org/article/fun-ways-to-engage-your-family-in-bilingual-and-multilingual-literacy-this-summer/>

Great Schools: Free Resources for Parents

The Great Schools website contains links to resources for parents in the areas of: Academic Learning, English Language Learners, Parent Guidance, Foster and Homeless Youth, Social Emotional Support, and other important topics.

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/at-home-learning-resources/>

Social Media and Email

To stay up to date with new resources and information, follow the CDE Multilingual Support Division on Twitter [@MultilingualCA](https://twitter.com/MultilingualCA).

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