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Chawanakee Unified Colleagues and Community,

As 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, I want to reflect on two national crises that have impacted our schools and communities:

- COVID-19 pandemic has created a shift in how we educate our students and the strains of economic and health concerns to our families, loved ones and community.
- The death of George Floyd. It is our collective responsibility to provide education, guidance, and leadership to our students and staff around social injustices and race.

Chawanakee Unified stands committed to our core beliefs of Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, and Resiliency (4R's). Under this umbrella there will be a Call for action to demand respect for every human being regardless of race, ethnicity, and economic status. So, when we re-open our campuses for the next school year we will achieve Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity in our schools.

#### **Re-opening:**

Chawanakee Unified is preparing for a **full return** on August 13, 2020 for our students that is consistent with the phased re-opening of California's business and service community. These plans are developed with input from local health officials and are consistent with health and safety guidance currently in place. The following is an update on district instruction, programs and services offered by Chawanakee Unified for programs set to begin in August. We are continuing to enroll (new) students throughout the summer. Questions on enrollment can be directed to District Office staff 559-877-6209

#### **Instructional Programs**

Chawanakee Unified is prepared to offer multiple learning options for the fall:

- Comprehensive model that will return student to daily in-classroom instruction with safe guards for social distancing.
- Distance Learning model that will allow students to work Independently at home.
- Hybrid model that will create an alternating day schedule that blends daily in-classroom instruction and distance learning.

Most School Sites have gathered parent preferences for their child's return for this fall. If you have not communicated your preference, please reach out to your child's school site. More clarification and direction will be provided over the next few weeks for student programming.

**After School/Pre-school:** Childcare programs offered through Teaching Fellows and Adult School are planning to re-open. A limited number of student spaces/slots at Spring Valley, Hillside, and North Fork school sites are available, please check the specific sites for availability.

Stay well and stay United.

Darren Sylvia