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To: Board of Directors

From: Kevin Sved, CEO

Subject: Timeline for Expanding In-Person Instruction

The current health conditions in Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County, and San Benito County do not allow for expanding in-person instruction at this time as all three counties are in the Widespread (Purple) Tier. In order for schools to expand in-person instruction, the county must be in the Substantial (Red) Tier for 14 consecutive days. Given the current surge of the virus across California, it is unlikely that local health conditions will permit expanded in-person instruction before February 2021. As a result of the higher infection rates and Widespread status, coupled with the increased spread resulting from holiday travel, we have suspended on-site distance learning until January 18.

On the positive side, recent research studies strongly indicate low risks of viral transmission in elementary schools where social distancing, face coverings, disinfecting, appropriate ventilation, and regular testing of staff are all present. Navigator staff are making the necessary preparations to expand in-person instruction in the event that local conditions allow.