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Jorge Aguilar
Superintendent
Sacramento City Unified School District
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RE: New Joseph Bonnheim Charter School – Follow up

Dear Superintendent,

This is a follow up to our discussion today. First, I want to commend SCUSD and the New Joseph Bonnheim school administration for the prompt mobilization and action to get 153 COVID tests completed today. We are very encouraged by the report that no additional new positives were identified. The rapid antigen test was used in this instance because of the ability to receive test results in 20 minutes. This allowed us to make an assessment of the entire school in a short period of time, and permitted us to quickly make decisions for next steps. The rapid antigen test is a very useful diagnostic tool and can successfully identify most COVID infections in children with viral load levels likely to be infectious. We have confidence that a negative test in individuals that do not have symptoms means that they do not have the disease.

To ensure that there is no ongoing transmission, we want to continue monitoring the situation and so we are requiring that the school institute testing of all staff and students once a week for the next additional 3 weeks. The school may choose to continue with the antigen test or use the PCR test as resources permit. We believe that this additional measure, along with the comprehensive preventive protocols implemented by the District and the School will minimize risks of infection in the school environment and enable

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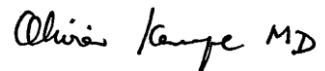
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the school to remain open. We will remain in communication to monitor the results and provide additional guidance and recommendations as needed.

Vaccination remains the best option for everyone that is eligible - both staff and parents, to help protect our children that are not yet eligible for the vaccine, and to keep the schools open. SCUSD has been very active in partnering with Public Health and our health partners to offer COVID vaccines at the schools. We commend you for that, and encourage members of the community to take advantage of the opportunity to get vaccinated at the vaccination clinics being offered at the schools so that we can drive down the community transmission.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate all of you at the District and the School for all the work that you are doing to keep our schools safe. It makes a difference. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olivia Kasirye MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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c: Superintendent Dave Gordon, SCOE