



Madera Unified School District

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

As I write this letter, we see the light at the end of the pandemic's tunnel. The dark days of school closures and social restrictions may be behind us if we pause long enough to learn from this experience. We have come to see each other's needs, struggles, pains, and triumphs. More than ever, we know our success depends on others and really has never been ours alone. Maderans need each other and Madera's students need all of us. Thousands of problems have been solved by people of goodwill sharing and collaborating in these many months of confusion. For the remainder of my days, I will forever be proud of all we did to help our students, staff, families, and community. Our colleagues, regardless of role, proved we can each be a Student Champion.

Although we will engage school with a five-day-a-week full-day program, elements of virtual learning and technological applications will remain as a lasting part of our programs. Those additions may not be enough to make up for the loss of three quarters of last school year. Students, families, and staff suffered a great deal, and that has inevitably changed us. So MUSD has worked tirelessly to provide greater support for the social, emotional and academic needs of our students. With that in place, we also believed our students' experiences in school needed to be richer in terms of creativity and inspiration. Across all levels, a vast effort is being made to bring joy back into teaching and learning so everyone's experiences are more uplifting and healing than ever before!

To understand how this plays out for your student, please use this handbook as a guide. The MUSD Student Bill of Rights and Student Believer document help make crystal clear our belief in treating students with kindness, fairness, dignity and respect. We pledge to give whatever we can when it's needed. Education in the 21st century seeks to prepare students for occupations and technologies that have not even been conceived yet. The MUSD Graduate Profile seeks to guarantee our students know how to learn on their own after graduation. Students who are confident in their ability to THINK, ADAPT, COLLABORATE, COMMUNICATE, PRODUCE, and CONTRIBUTE will find the flexibility to respond to an ever changing future.

We pledge ourselves to be our best for your children and we humbly request our families to be patient and supportive. Not a single parent or teacher wanted this but we find ourselves in a defining moment. Our choice to work together will truly define the success of our students. You'll find the most updated information on our website at <https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/> and we ask you to carefully consider all the district communications we send out. Our **Instructional Continuity Plan** and **The Student and Parent Rights and Responsibilities Handbook** is accessible year-round under the Students/Parents section, or by requesting a copy from your school site or from the office of Student Services at Price's Plaza, 1820 Howard Road, (559) 416-5858.

This handbook briefly sums up the rights and responsibilities that you and your child have within Madera Unified School District. In the following pages, you will find key policies and laws that affect your child's education; processes for accessing services; and procedures for finding answers to questions or voicing concerns. Please consult the District's website (www.madera.k12.ca.us) or your local school webpage for more detailed information, which is updated throughout the year.

Within the handbook you will find these important topics:

- Governing Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR)
- California Education Codes (EC)
- Special Education, Categorical Funding and Child Development
- Dress Code
- Student Discipline

Our Vision: Madera Unified will set the standard for hard work, creativity and resiliency with a fearless drive to continuously improve.



The MUSD Community Compact states our Mission this way: ***We are committed to creating and sustaining a culture enabling Madera Unified students to experience an unparalleled educational journey that is intellectually, socially and personally transformative.*** This challenging mission requires us to work together to provide the safest and healthiest learning environment possible. Together with families, we have found success even in the darkest of times. We all look forward to brighter days!

Thank you for being part of our team and our mission to provide the opportunity for all students to reach their potential. We're proud to serve you and value your collaboration and communication to help us all improve!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Lile", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Lile
Superintendent