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Eaglet families,

On behalf of the staff here at Yates Elementary, it is with great pleasure that we welcome our new families as well as our returning families for the 2020-2021 school year. We are excited to partner with each of you to ensure all students are socially and academically successful.

Our uprising fifth graders cast their votes and selected our school theme, "Learning Is Our Superpower!". This was a great selection as it captures our school wide commitment for all students to excel in every aspect of their school experience.

I am sure that COVID is on the minds of our families as we prepare for our return to school. Please know that we will be closely monitoring the recommendations of the medical professionals and will remain responsive to meeting the needs of the community.

We are committed to providing the safest learning environment for your student. Our custodians have worked tirelessly to clean our school. Additionally, hand sanitizer stations have been installed at various touch points around the campus and additional daily sanitizing procedures are being implemented in every classroom.

### First Day of School Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

The 20-21 school year will begin on August 10<sup>th</sup>. School will be in session from 7:40-12:55 on Mondays and 7:40-1:55 Tuesday – Friday. Gates will open at 7:10 each morning. Student success begins by arriving on time. Please make plans now to ensure your child will arrive on time and ready to learn.

In order to facilitate a smooth and safe arrival and dismissal for all, please adhere to the following procedures:

- ✓ All K-5 students will arrive through the car line, bus or walker gates. For the safety of all students, all families arriving by car will need to utilize the car ramp. *Students should not be dropped off at the front of school.*

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- ✓ *\*New\** PreK students arrival: PreK students will be dropped off in the bus loop on the north side of the school. All parents will remain in their car until one of our staff members is ready to receive your child. The bus loop gate will close daily at 7:40 signifying the start of the school day.
  
- ✓ As we work to maintain a safe environment while complying with CDC guidelines, we are limiting visitors on campus to those that have essential business. Parents will not be allowed on campus to walk your child to class. Please know your child's safety is our priority. We will have additional personnel at the car ramp to ensure all students arrive safely to class.

Stay tuned for more information on how you will connect with your child's teacher prior to the first day. We will have multiple ways of communication with you to ensure all necessary information is shared between the family and the school prior to the start of the first day of school.

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with us. Your children are our children too! We want only the very best for them. If you have any questions at all, please call the school at (813) 744-8177. Your comfort in sending your child to Yate is my utmost priority.

With honor and excitement,

*Lisa Varnum*

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Proud Principal of Yates Elementary