



July 28, 2021
A Message from ABLE Superintendent Clem Lee

Greetings, ABLE Students and Families!

Summer school ends tomorrow, and we are counting down to the opening of the fall term on August 23 when we will return to in-person instruction for the first time in over a year.

Specific information will be posted and updated regularly on ABLE's website, so it's a good thing for you to check in periodically.

We know that our biggest challenges will continue to be related to COVID. We have guidance for COVID protocols from many sources including San Joaquin County Public Health Services and the California Department of Public Health. We will continue to follow this guidance, which, at this moment, means that

**masks will be required for all students and staff when indoors, and
masks will be optional when students and staff are outside.**

Another related protocol that we KNOW will cause angst, especially for parents of younger children is the following:

**Parents will NOT be allowed to walk their children to class at the start of school.
Parents may only visit campus by signing in through the office and following
COVID check-in protocols.**

We regret that this is necessary, but it is essential and non-negotiable.

Complete, current COVID protocols will be published a week or so before the start of school. Please look for them.

It's worth pointing out that COVID vaccinations are available for anyone aged 12 and older. I strongly recommend that everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated *GETS* vaccinated.

Among legislation that will affect ABLE and your children this fall is the requirement to provide independent study as an option to families for students whose health would be put at risk by in-person instruction. This program is still in development, and more information will be available shortly. Please be thinking about whether you will seek independent study for your child(ren).

I also want to repeat a previous message to our awesome, extended ABLE family!

If anyone in your family or in your circle of friends would be interested in the rewarding work of helping ABLE students, we would like to speak with them. Our pay is competitive, and ABLE has a reputation for an excellent workplace. The following part time and full-time positions are available:

**paraprofessional (class helper)
custodian (cleaning and sanitizing)
campus security monitor**

Anyone interested in applying should click on the following link:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?keywords=able%20charter%20schools&searchType=all>

If you have any questions, please call the school. We will continue to provide updates as we have new information. We look forward to seeing your children on the first day of school!

s/Clem Lee