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Subject: A Parent's Thoughts

Members of the Board of Education and Principal Martin,

We have two daughters that will be attending Rancho this year (4th and 1st grades). I'm sure you've all been receiving an overwhelming amount of contact from parents and community members over the past year and especially leading into our new school year.

We wanted to take a moment to let you know we've been very pleased with how our schools in Livermore have responded to the unprecedented situations we've found ourselves in since the beginning of the pandemic. It's been incredibly challenging for everyone and we have continually felt that LVJUSD has strived to find the best possible path amongst so many bad options.

As we prepare for yet another school year that will be filled with uncertainty, anxiety, and emotion we wanted to express our desire that the Board, administrators, teachers, and staff continue to make decisions guided by the best available medical advice from the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We are watching the devastating effects throughout the country in areas that have ignored this guidance and children are paying the price for the failure of their leaders. Let it not be so in Livermore.

-Kyle & Jessica Dickerson