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Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor,

Rosedale Union School District, located in northwest Bakersfield California, was established in 1890 and currently has an enrollment of 5,800 students. The district is governed by an independent Board of Trustees consisting of five members.

As a California Gold Ribbon School, California Distinguished School, and National Blue Ribbon recipient school district, the Rosedale Union School District has a long tradition of excellence in education. The Rosedale Union School District values a system of continuous improvement that permeates through every aspect of its work to become a center of educational excellence. Our work is guided by research and the belief that every student can attain high levels of academic excellence in preparation for meeting the rigorous demands of the twenty-first century. We truly believe in our motto, *"Where Learning is Lasting."*

The mission of the Rosedale Union School District is to educate all students so they may become career and college-ready. Toward this end, the school community is committed to providing a child-centered learning environment with high expectations for student achievement and parent involvement through common goals.

A comprehensive 21st century core curriculum with high standards is emphasized and the diversity of learners is valued, so that each student will reach their full potential. Students will be provided with appropriate and meaningful instruction that develops self-worth and self-discipline through analytical and creative thinking as well as the mastery of curricular and technical skills.

With these as our guiding principles, we also support our parents and families with academic options. We believe in parents making decisions that provide the best outcome for their student. We have supported school choice, inter-district transfer agreements, and various options for virtual learning and independent study. Additionally, our goal is to support our parents in mask choice.

We will continue to follow all State guidelines and mandates; however we are writing to ask your support of this goal and seek guidance as to how this goal can be achieved.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your timely reply.

Sincerely,

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