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PRCS Middle School Families,

As Superintendent Austin Beutner explained in his October 5, 2020 Letter to the School Community, Los Angeles Unified School District is offering free COVID-19 tests to all students.

The virus testing program is now underway and it's time for our school to be tested. Secondary schools will be tested first followed by elementary schools. Therefore, our middle school students are being asked to participate in our district's COVID-19 testing program.

We are asking parents to make an appointment for an initial test now to help us prepare for the opening of school for in-person instruction. Although the date when schools will re-open for in-person instruction is not yet known, taking an initial test now will provide valuable information about the incidence of COVID-19 in the communities we serve. This information will help the scientists, researchers and epidemiologists who are assisting with the program. The baseline testing will help reduce the spread of the disease by identifying those with the virus so they can be kept apart from others.

Immediately prior to the reopening of schools, all students and staff who will be returning to schools, will be provided with a further, back-to-school, baseline test.

Please schedule an appointment beginning on October 14th by visiting https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt.

You will need your child's student ID number to schedule an appointment. You may obtain your child's student ID number by accessing the Parent Portal at https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/, calling our LAUSD hotline at 213-443-1300 or our main office. Once you've made the appointment, you will receive a confirmation email with details. Please be prepared to show the email on your phone or print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the appointment.

Thank you for your participation on this important program.

Sincerely,

Avak Demirjie

Avak Demirjie, Principal