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Jorge Aguilar  
Superintendent  
Sacramento City Unified School District  
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

**RE: New Joseph Bonnheim Charter School**

Dear Superintendent,

This is in follow up to our discussion of the situation at New Joseph Bonnheim Charter School. The school has been open since August 9, 2021. Due to the robust testing that has been established at the school district, a cluster of 23 positives for COVID-19 were identified today. The school has a total of 270 students and 23 staff, so this equates to 7.8% positives for the school population. Given that this is a relatively small, tight-knit community, and that the region as a whole has high community case counts and transmission, it appears more likely that transmission is occurring outside of the school campus.

Given the number of positives, we are requiring that all remaining school staff and students be tested tomorrow on Friday, September 3, 2021. The results of the testing will assist us in identifying any additional positives that may not have been identified yet. This will aid in further assessment of the situation and crafting recommendations for further actions.

Thank you and the school administration for the prompt reporting of these results and for all the prevention protocols that have been instituted. We will be in communication and will continue to work closely together to ensure the

safety of our students and staff as we navigate the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olivia Kasirye MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS  
Sacramento County Health Officer

c: Superintendent Dave Gordon, SCOE