



**Press Release:**

Immanuel Schools Board of Trustees & Superintendent Ryan Wood  
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**IMMANUEL SCHOOLS REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND FRESNO COUNTY**

After prayerfully seeking counsel from educational and medical experts, our legal advisors, and members of our community, Immanuel Schools opened for on-campus instruction on Thursday, August 13th. Throughout our forty-plus days of on-campus learning, we have witnessed firsthand the positive impact Christ-centered, relationally based, face-to-face instruction has had on our students. As of today, we have had no cases of COVID-19 on our campus, amongst our students, faculty, or staff. We are grateful for the Lord's provision in helping our campus to remain healthy.

In regards to the settlement, we agreed to talk with the legal counsel from both the state and county on September 30th. We felt it was important to enter into a good-faith negotiation to seek a resolution. Our goal from day one was to be obedient to the Lord's leading and to step out in faith to keep students learning on campus. In partnership with our families, we have always felt this was best for the academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual development of our students. We are thankful for our legal counsel, Jennifer Bursch, who has walked with us throughout this process and was instrumental in reaching a settlement that was in the best interest of the state, county, and our students.

We will be discussing the settlement in more detail at 9:00 am, tomorrow on KMJ 580. Copies of our Return to School Plans, which were reviewed and approved by the state and county and included in the settlement, are available for review on our website at [www.immanuelschools.com](http://www.immanuelschools.com).

We want to finish by saying thank you for all the prayers and support we have received from many people throughout our community, Central Valley, and state. We could not have succeeded during this time without the tremendous efforts and dedication of our Board, staff, and families.

God is Greater!

Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (ESV)