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I would like to recognize the amazing collaborative effort between Nevada County Public Health Department, the Nevada Joint Union High School District, and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office. The hard work in setting up a vaccination clinic in just over a week, to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to over 1000 educators who work in our Nevada County schools, was nothing short of amazing.

A special “thank you” goes out to NJUHSD nurse Karen Harris for her meticulous planning to provide a smooth process for the 3-day clinic. The amount of work behind the scenes to pull off the largest vaccination of Nevada County school employees took a tremendous amount of work in a very short time. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped make the clinic a success.

I am hopeful this endeavor will help speed up our ability to open those schools in Distance Learning to “in person” learning and give those schools who are already open opportunities to expand safely. Our goal is and has been to support our schools safely getting back to “in person” learning for our students, parents, and community.

We all wish we could have expanded the clinic to all our substitute teachers, bus drivers, out of county educators, Sierra College staff, school boards, coaches and preschools. However, the reality was we had a limited number of vaccines that just covered the staff in our county public and private schools. Should an additional clinic be made available, our goal is to reach out to others who did not fall into the requirements for this clinic.

Thank you and stay safe.

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