Ravenswood City School District Partners with Local Organizations and Government Offices to Provide COVID-19 Testing to the Community

COVID-19 testing available for all community members and East Palo Alto residents

East Palo Alto, Calif., (December 14th, 2020) - Ravenswood City School District has partnered with local organizations and government offices to provide COVID-19 testing to local families and community members of East Palo Alto. To provide the greatest reach, Ravenswood City School District has testing partnerships in place with the City of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and the County of San Mateo.

The collaboration between Ravenswood City School District and local organizations to make testing accessible is part of the Ravenswood City School District Recovery Plan to provide the best safety and operational practices to students, staff, and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ravenswood City School District equally prioritizes the learning and development of our students with the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. We encourage our Ravenswood City School District community and East Palo Alto community members to take advantage of the local testing resources available," said Gina Sudaria, Superintendent of Ravenswood City School District. "We can all do our part to keep the community safe."

COVID-19 testing is essential to safety of school communities. Ravenswood City School District frequently shares COVID-19 resources in all forms of District communication. Ravenswood City School District encourages East Palo Alto community members to get tested for COVID-19 at any of the available testing centers.

For information about the different testing partnerships and sites:

The City of East Palo Alto and Project Baseline provide free COVID-19 testing at the Ravenswood City School District office, located at 2160 Euclid Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303. Testing is available as an oral swab for children ages 5 to 17 years of age, and as a nasal swab for ages 18 and older. Additional information is available here: https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/administration/page/coronavirus-testing

San Mateo County and Curative provide free COVID-19 testing at 1600 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 for East Palo Alto Residents. The test is an oral swab for ages 5 years and older. To learn more about this resource, visit: https://www.ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/administration/page/coronavirus-testing

Ravenswood City School District is working in partnership with Belle Haven Action and Curative to provide COVID-19 testing frequently at Belle Haven Elementary School, located at 415 Ivy Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94303. Testing occurs as frequently as weekly. For the latest information about testing at this site, go to: https://www.bellehavenaction.org/testing.html

San Mateo County and Curative are providing free COVID-19 tests at Cesar Chavez Ravenswood Middle School, located at 2450 Ralmar Ave, East Palo Alto, CA, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2020. Tests are self-administered oral swabs. To register in advance for a COVID test, visit: https://curative.com/sites/15662?date=2020-12-08

About Ravenswood City School District: The Ravenswood City School District (RCSD) in San Mateo County draws from the culturally rich communities of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

For more information: http://www.ravenswoodschools.org/

About Curative: Curative Inc. was founded to develop tests for sepsis in January 2020 and pivoted to COVID-19 in early March 2020 upon realizing the urgent need for test development and production in the United States. Curative is currently operational within a CLIA-certified lab in Los Angeles, CA, Washington, D.C. and Austin, TX. Founded by Fred Turner and comprised of a team of doctors, scientists, engineers, and health industry experts, Curative is rapidly scaling its simple-to-use oral fluid COVID-19 tests to reach the groups most in need of testing.

For more information: https://curative.com/