2020-21 School Reopening Update
Governing Board Presentation
April 1, 2021

This presentation includes updated information not available when the April 1 meeting agenda was published.
Phase 2 Begins - Students on Campus!
Overview: Since Our Last Board Meeting

1. March 17: All employees returned to worksites
2. March 19: District launched COVID-19 dashboard
3. March 20: (a) CDC revised guidance, minimum of 3ft between student chairs; (b) Vaccine clinic at Monroe
5. March 24: (a) County moved to Orange Tier; (b) Staff begins confirming 3 f.t classroom spacing capacity and 6 f.t for eating.
7. March 31: Employees wishing to be are fully vaccinated.
8. Ongoing - monthly surveillance COVID 19 testing for employees.
9. Continuing Saturday community COVID Testing at Rosemary FLC.
10. April: Community vaccines open to 50+ on 4/1, adn 16+ on 4/15.
Positive Trends

- High testing rate/Low positivity rate
- County’s COVID-19 Adjusted Case Rates continues to drop. Yellow Tier could happen by mid April
- Surveillance testing of all employees continues. No internal spread to date.
Updates on CDPH Requirements

- 3 ft. between students’ chairs “strongly recommended.”
- 6 ft. between students when facial covering is removed (eating & drinking).
- Cohort guidance updated March 22: Cohort size and stability are only required when county is in Purple Tier.
Many Changes Since Publishing Our Plan

The 4-phase plan was developed last July.

- All staff wanting to be vaccinated have been.
- We are in the Orange Tier with numbers lower than last October.
- We have additional understanding of the virus.
- We understand the mitigating protection (multiple layers of protection, “swiss cheese”)
Mitigation Strategies in Place

- Merv 13 filters, maximum ventilation
- Hand sanitation
- All wear facial covering
- Social distancing
- Assigned seats
- Seat class together when eating
Reminder of Requirements

- Legislative requirement of SB 98 and our commitment to community
  - Provide as much in-person instruction as safely possible.

- Ed Code 43503 (2020-21 school year)
  - Distance Learning may be offered under the following circumstances:
    - Pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining due to exposure to COVID 19.
Reopening Committee Input

● Committee polls:
  ○ How did it go with Phase 2?
    Very well 65%; Okay 31%; Not Well 4%
  ○ Ready to return April 26?
    Let’s do it 41%; Almost there 44%; Hesitant 15%; No Way 0%
  ○ Date for return: April 26 40%; May 3 60%

● Superintendent shared updates on improved COVID conditions. Reviewed requirements of SB 98 and district's commitment to in-person instruction.

● Discussed proposal for increasing students’ time on campus.
  ○ Logistical considerations and communication needs.
Committee Considered

- Phase in grades to increase instructional time.
  - 4/26: TK - 2, 6th at middle - stay all day.
  - 5/03: 3 - 5, 7 & 8 at middle - stay all day.
  - Wednesday dismiss at lunch time.

Noted:
- Challenge to families with siblings.
- Challenge for having dismissal for some, lunch for some.
Rationale for Next Phase

- Maximum instructional time.
  - Accelerated learning (AB86)
- Earliest transition would be after completing Phase 2 on 4/16.
- Every transition = Stress point for organization.
Committee Recommendation

- Bring all students back to campus on May 3.
- Elementary schedule: full day M, T, TH, F, dismiss at lunch on Wed (grab & go lunch).
- Middle school schedule being finalized with leadership teams.
  - Lunch is more of a challenge due to number of students.
  - Will finalize and communicate to families by April 14.
In Process - Logistics

● Prepare classroom configurations for chairs 3 ft. apart.

● Determine spacing for 6 ft. distancing while eating.
  ○ Lunches will be delivered to classrooms (elementary).
  ○ Hiring more noon supervisors.
  ○ Assigning additional staff for supervision.

Teacher comments from Reopening Committee:

We aren’t concerned about the COVID safety procedures; we just need to work out some logistics for lunch.
Next Steps

● April 12 - hold informational meeting for all staff.

● Finalize plan to provide Short-term Distance Learning (SDL) for students “not ready” to return for remainder of year.
  ○ Will not be with current teacher due to all day teaching demands.
  ○ Only option for returning for on campus instruction

● April 14 - hold an informational meeting for families who indicated “not ready” to return in Phase 2.
  ○ By 8:00 am, April 19, these families will need to commit to returning or SDL.

● Hire additional staff: SDL teachers, noon supervisors

● Prepare all campuses for all students to return on May 3.
Questions? Comments?