

School Reopening Update

September 24, 2020 - Governing Board Presentation

*As a rule, we find what we look for; we
achieve what we get ready for.*

~ James Cash Penney

We are committed to returning as many students
to in-person learning as is safely possible.



County in Tier 2, Public Health Guidance

- New color-coded *Blueprint for a Safer Economy* replaces the Monitoring List criteria for reopening
- Santa Clara County moved from purple (widespread) to Red (substantial) status
 - September 23 was the first day allowable for in-person instruction in SC County
- County Public Health updates school reopening information, adds a parent guide (earlier than expected)

“Schools may not reopen fully for in-person instruction until the county has been in the Substantial (Red) Tier for two weeks. Local school and health officials may decide to open elementary schools, and school officials may decide to conduct in-person instruction for a limited set of students in small cohorts.”

Overview: Since Our Last Board Meeting

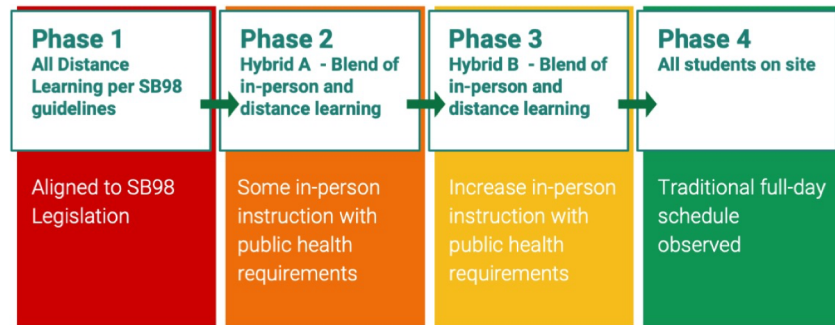
With County moving into Red Tier we...

1. Met with District Fall Reopening Planning Committee
2. Met with elementary principals
3. Surveyed staff and parent about readiness for Phase 2
4. Received updates on school reopening guidance from County Public Health
5. Opened Learning Labs and Reading Centers to mitigate learning loss
6. Planned a process for Special Education assessments
7. Communicating with neighboring schools and districts about their reopening plans

Readiness for Phase 2

Waiver was approved on August 31 after State and Local Public Health Departments (PHD):

- Examined all of our processes and protocols
- Looked at local data for our schools
- PHD recommended a gradual reopening (9/22/20 Supt's meeting)



Public health guidelines, current state of the virus and input from the Reopening Committee will determine progression between phases.

Preparedness

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) for all employees
- Provided additional mandated training specific to COVID
- Updated our Injury & Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP) to provide COVID-specific processes and provided it to all employees
- Established a tracking and tracing process for staff and students
- Reviewed and collaborated all with district nurses



School Site Preparation

- Elementary principals met with a principal in hybrid for K-3 since beginning of school year
- Reviewing all protocols for specifics at each site
- Purchased canopies for sites to promote outdoor instruction opportunities
- Have all necessary signage and cleaning supplies
- Working with each site to add additional markers for social distancing for entering campus
- Will develop welcome back videos for each school to share with families
- Parent handbook prior to those returning in person



Mitigating Learning Loss

Commitment to educational equity. Instilling safety protocols.

Learning Labs opened 9/8

- 5 locations (CAP,
- Supervised by classified staff
- Supporting 150 TK-5 students in Phase 1 distance learning (DL)
 - Students who demonstrated challenges in DL
 - Homeless/Foster youth and ELs invited as priority
 - Some students of CUSD employees

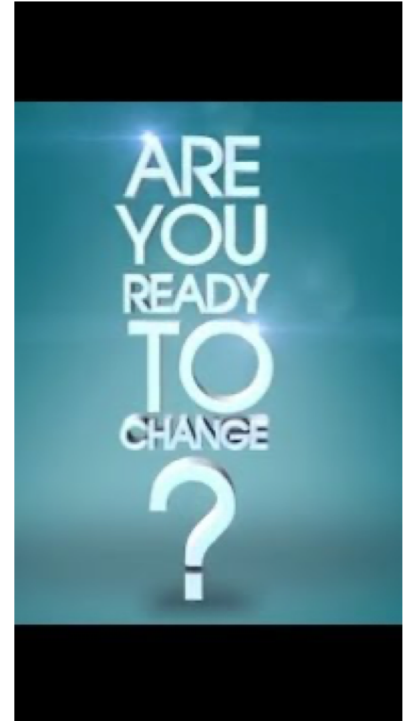
Reading Centers opened 9/21

- 3 locations (BLK, LYN, ROS)
- Supervised by hourly staff
- Supporting students in grades 1-2 to address our goal of Every Child a Reader by Third grade



Staff & Parent Survey on Phase 2 Readiness

- Gauging the community's readiness in view of the county's improved conditions
- Open September 19-23
- Sent to all families (except year-long DL) and all staff
- Analyzing data by grade level spans
- Will present results to Reopening Planning Committee Sept. 30, and will report outcomes of the meeting to staff/families through our weekly communications



District Reopening Planning Committee

- Updated committee on county's COVID-19 status
- Reviewed reopening plan phases and the waiver approval process
 - Confirmed plan addresses all safety requirements and recommendations
- Received committee input on transition process for Phase 2
- Determined that families and staff be re-surveyed to determine level of readiness for in-person instruction
- Shared that more information is needed for middle school before making decisions about their return to school
- Reconvening Sept. 30 to review survey data and information from County Public Health Dept. webinar being provided on Sept. 29
- Committee will recommend next steps for moving to Phase 2

Questions & Clarifications

