

CAUSE ADVISORY

IN-PERSON Reopening WAIVERS

Surrounding Districts Take the Lead

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District Colleagues, Families, & Community Stakeholders,

In the last month, CUSD stakeholders have witnessed district administration's posturing around the pursuit of a reopening WAIVER. Given the CUSD's current HEALTH & SAFETY preparedness, many have observed that even pursuing such a WAIVER under the current conditions would demonstrate a dismissal of the ongoing significant threats that COVID-19 brings our students, district employees, and their families.

Fortunately, school board leaders in other surrounding school districts are taking the lead!

Surrounding regional Districts are beginning to publicly acknowledge that seeking IN-PERSON reopening WAIVERS would be a wreckless approach at this time. Although CUSD's Board Members have done little to lead in this area, school board leaders in surrounding Districts are making it clear. Even with a district's effort to meet the guidelines associated with a reopening WAIVER, local school districts simply do not have sufficient resources or know enough about the virus to reopen (IN-PERSON) in a SAFE and HEALTHY manner.

The following article provides further insight on the topic:

https://www.noozhawk.com/article/goleta_union_school_district_wont_ask_for_waiver_to_return_to_in_person_sch

Although no one wants to return to IN-PERSON learning more than teachers and support staff, Union leadership acknowledges that this can't be done until we have confirmed our ability to do so in a SAFE & HEALTHY manner.

In Unity,

~ j. Hotchner * CAUSE President

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