

CAUSE ADVISORY

Update: Elementary Reopening WAIVER CAUSE Consults with CUSD

CUSD Colleagues, Families, and Stakeholders,

The union met with the district today to CONSULT on their Elementary (IN-PERSON) Reopening WAIVER Application. The district made it very clear, they do not need to acquire our approval in order for the application to be processed by the county. The consultation process simply provides the Union an opportunity to present questions and considerations associated with the WAIVER application process.

Although we specifically requested the Superintendent participate in this meeting, she did not attend and offered no explanation for her absence. Instead the union met with the Human Resource Director and a District attorney; neither of whom provided any answers to the most basic HEALTH & SAFETY questions presented by CAUSE.

To demonstrate the multitude of concerns and questions CAUSE pursued, we have attached the District's reopening plan and waiver application. On it, you will find written notes, which serve as place-holders for the many points of inquiry and concern. With HEALTH & SAFETY in mind, CAUSE representatives pursued clarity on each of the District's plans that remain either vague, inaccurate, concerning, or contradicting. As you will see, most of the document falls into those categories. Some areas of example are: * Temperature Checks, * Isolation Rooms, * Sanitization of restrooms and classrooms, * Staggered Schedules for students entering/exiting campus, office spaces, & classrooms, * congestion in hallways and at recesses, * inadequate SAFETY supplies, * inadequate man-power to maintain the HEALTH & SAFETY obligations associated with COVID-19, * etc..

Although the District could not answer our inquiries today, we are scheduled to meet with the district again on Friday, September 11, 2020. We have been told they hope to have answers by then. Given the District's lack of preparedness, we were compelled to state the following:

If the district can not answer the most basic HEALTH & SAFETY questions we provided, and can not provide a clear plan as to how it will resolve critical HEALTH & SAFETY obligations.... perhaps the CUSD is not prepared to pursue the Elementary Reopening WAIVER ?

In Unity,

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