

CAUSE ADVISORY

CUSD Moves to Increase IN-PERSON Reopening at All Levels District Employees Be Aware.

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CUSD Colleagues,

Just a few moments ago, the CUSD notified the Union of its intention to loosen its COVID mitigation efforts, and further reopen the District to further elementary and secondary IN-PERSON instruction.

Union leadership encourages all District staff and faculty to carefully review a summary of the changes (below).

As per Human Resource Director, Diana Zapata-Kotowski - March 23, 2021 :

"On March 20, 2021, the CDPH issued revised guidance for physical distancing in the classroom. Specifically, CDPH's March 20, 2021, guidance, which "supersedes previous CDPH COVID-19 and Cal/OSHA school guidance," now states that, while teacher and other staff desks are to remain at least 6 feet from student and other staff desks, the distance between student desks may be maintained at a minimum of 3 feet. Based on the new CDPH guidelines, this is notice to CAUSE that the District will be implementing a minimum of 3 feet of distance between student desks. As a result, this will allow the District's schools to return all students five (5) days per week for elementary on April 5, 2021, and four (4) days per week for the secondary grade levels on April 12, 2021. The elementary students will remain in their stable groups per classroom M, T, Th, F, and W, 8 am to 2:30 pm. All secondary students will return for in-person instruction M, T, Th, F, 8:30-1, and will remain in remote learning for the early release day on Wednesday. The hybrid schedule with block scheduling will continue with Periods 1, 2, and 3 on Mondays/Thursday, and Periods 4, 5, and 6 on Tuesday/Fridays to maintain the required stable groups."

Understanding how the District's announcement will significantly change the HEALTH & SAFETY conditions associated with the IN-PERSON opening of CUSD sites and facilities, the Union remains available through the Spring Break holiday to provide support for those now reconsidering their LEAVE options.

In Unity,

~ j. Hotchner. * CAUSE President

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