

# CAUSE ADVISORY

## REOPENING Discussions Should Reflect CDE Guidelines Examples of Transparency, Collaboration, and Inclusivity

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CUSD Employees, Families, and Stakeholders,

In the past weeks, CAUSE leadership has been contacted by colleagues, parents, students, community members, and media sources, all inquiring upon the CUSD's REOPENING plans. Beyond the desire to gain both clarity and confidence in the District REOPENING plans, these stakeholders have the same question/s that perplex Union leadership,

**"What's going on with CUSD?"**

**Why are we not hearing much from the District [sic. CUSD]?**

**Why is CUSD taking such a unique and arbitrary approach to REOPENING ?**

While Union leadership is interested in answering these questions, **our priority is and MUST remain the safety and well-being of District employees, students, and their families.**

Throughout the last few months, Districts (*regionally and across the state*) have published comprehensive decisions based on the transparent, collaborative, and inclusive processes they engaged in. Their efforts demonstrate the value and efficacy of the **Ca. Department of Education's** recommendation to form robust and proactive REOPENING committees that include critical stakeholders groups; parents, students, administrators, labor representatives, public health experts, community stakeholders, and other external agency partners. (*See attached guiding document, **Stronger Together***).

To better understand what is possible, Union leadership encourages you to familiarize yourselves with the examples:

\* **Santa Barbara Unified School District** - Plans For School Reopening

<https://www.sbunified.org/plans-for-school-reopening/>

\* **Plascentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District** - Return to School Steering Committee Updates (See attached)

<https://www.pylusd.org/>

\* **Ojai Unified School District** - Board Report on REOPENING:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ITEy0BaIDG0um8HzGehpRoXF46\\_gwyQL/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ITEy0BaIDG0um8HzGehpRoXF46_gwyQL/view)

- District webpage on REOPENING:

<https://www.ojaiusd.org/o/Ojai%20Unified%20School%20District/page/fall-reopening-plan>

\* **Sacramento City Unified School District** - COVID-19 Info

<https://www.scusd.edu/covid-19>

\* And for comparison, **CUSD's** web page:

<https://www.cusd.net/>

To our members, we ask that you continue to distribute these ADVISORIES to interested parents and community groups.

To CUSD leadership, the Union is not asking the Superintendent & School Board to "reinvent the wheel". Rather, **we continue to encourage District leadership to adopt the best practices and transparent evidence based decision-making processes that ensure the safety and well being of CUSD employees, students, and their families.**

**It's not too late.**

