

PRA - Information Requested:
CUSD Air Flow & Circulation in Enclosed Spaces

March 30, 2021

Superintendent Rigby:

Whereas, “getting kids back to in-person learning could hinge on upgrading the ventilation systems in school buildings.”

Whereas, “significant stimulus funds can be funneled to installing new A/C systems.”

Whereas, “poorly ventilated settings increase the likelihood of airborne transmission of COVID-19.”

The following requested information will provide insight into the most current conditions associated with CUSD’s maintenance of air circulation systems, the quality of the air circulating through CUSD’s classrooms, the potential risk that exists for District students and employees, and, potentially, remedies for how to improve this critical HEALTH & SAFETY measure.

Therefore, based upon the following:

- concerns associated with CUSD’s decision making and commitment to its mitigation responsibilities
- the District’s lack of transparency on topics such as those cited above
- the District’s decision to return to 100% IN-PERSON learning, which has the potential of increasing the viral load in enclosed spaces by a factor of 3
- the need to assure District stakeholders of they can be confident that the CUSD is providing the required and appropriate HEALTH & SAFETY conditions they are obligated to provide

The following data is requested; as per rights afforded by the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

[Note: Although this CPRA is primarily focused on individual classroom environments at all CUSD School-Sites, the CUSD may also voluntarily provide data for any enclosed workspace across the CUSD. If the CUSD has not conducted an examination of the related HEALTH & SAFETY conditions associated with air circulation systems in each individual classroom, the District may still satisfy this information request by providing more general data associated with each individual school-site and facility.]

1. Data from any tests of CUSD's HVAC / air circulation / Air-Handling systems prior to the reopening of Secondary schools on March 29, 2021.
2. The brand names, primary filtration materials & cartridge types used, and the maximum air circulation capacity of each unit and system being used to mitigate COVID transmission (via air circulation) in any District classroom.
3. The current air circulation expectations (as of March 29, 2021) for each of the units / systems referenced in # 2 above.
4. The operating status (*and any associated measurements*) for each of the units/systems referenced in # 2, as of March 29, 2021.
5. The dates when air circulation units/systems were last checked; including whether the result of the checks/tests confirmed the units/system were positive or negative.
6. Criteria and documentation completed when checking air circulation systems; references to cut-sheets, check-lists, criteria for confirming the operating condition of a given air circulation unit/system.
7. Name of contractor or CUSD Department responsible for confirming operating status, installation, or making repairs on a District units/systems since Oct. 1, 2020.

Upon completion, the requested information may be provided via email, directly to this email address (jhotchner@gmail.com). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Your prompt attention is appreciated.

~j. Hotchner

