

Board Member Key Communication Points about District Plans for 20-21

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for school board members and other elected officials to respond to community concerns about district plans for the 20-21 school year. As we navigate this pandemic, the health, well-being and safety of all students, staff and families remains at the core of any proposed plan as well as at the core of any decisions made about plans for the 20-21 school year.

Some key points to reference include:

- The health, well-being and safety of students, staff and families remains a critical priority.
- The San Mateo County Pandemic Recovery Framework provides school districts guidance on things to consider as they develop district specific plans. This Framework closely aligns with guidance from the California Department of Education, as well as the Center for Disease Control.
- The core foundation of the framework is the four pillars of Health and Hygiene, Face Coverings, Physical Distancing, and Limited Gatherings.
- Each district has unique needs and is using the Framework to assist with planning, but the specifics of schedules, the frequency with which students may or may not be on campus and on campus activities such as drop-off, pick-up and lunch will be carefully considered and decided upon by districts.
- Each district is carefully considering staff, parent and student feedback as they develop district specific plans.
- Feedback from the community is valued and appreciated.
- Any decisions that are considered and ultimately made value the health and safety of all students and staff above all else because at this time, we as a County, a Nation and a Global Society are still navigating the COVID19 pandemic.

In responding to members of the public, right now, we have an opportunity to help people stay focused on health and safety. Many are tired of Shelter in Place. Many others are very stressed about returning to work and not having care for children if school does not return to what is once looked like. Many others are scared about the risk of infection. Together, we can reassure our County that school leadership has strong guidance and support with the development of all plans and that above all else, the safety, health and well-being of students is at the core of all decisions being made.