

# Reopening Planning and Update for AUSD Schools

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# Note to the Public

This presentation was assembled using the current state and county tiered framework system for COVID-19 as related to school reopening policy.

We have been informed, and the Governor's December 30 proposal on school reopening suggests, that a potential or proposed change in the metrics related to school reopening policy are forthcoming.

While those new details are anticipated on January 8, at the time of this submission those details are not available.

It is then possible that information in this presentation will change prior to the January 12 Board Meeting should those changes in metrics and policy be made available ahead of time.

# Current Public Health and School Reopening Status

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- Case rates peaked in mid-December
- Have been slightly declining since then
- Impact of Christmas and New Year's still pending

# Safe Schools for All: \$2 Billion to Incentivize School Reopening

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- Applies to Transitional Kindergarten to Grade 6
- Pushes for TK-2 by 2/15 and TK-6 by 3/15
- Is silent on middle and high school
  - a. Small group classes, learning labs, and support centers intended for foster students, homeless students, and other students with greatest needs
- **INCREASES TESTING EXPECTATIONS SIGNIFICANTLY**
  - a. Districts in counties with less than 14 cases per 100K = students and staff tested every two weeks
  - b. Higher incidence rate = everyone tested weekly

# Safe Schools for All: \$2 Billion to Incentivize School Reopening

## Testing

- Curative Labs - major issues
- FDA concerns around false negatives
- Logistical and implementation challenges
- FDA concerned that type of test is appropriate for symptomatic patients ***but not for surveillance***
- AUSD currently researching alternative test providers

## Vaccine

- State in **Phase 1A**: health care workers and first responders
- **Phase 1B** includes educators - more info in next few weeks
- Dependent on availability
- Phases may happen concurrently so educators could begin receiving prior to completion of 1A
- Current projection is early February

# Working to Clarify New Information and Metrics

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AUSD on Current County  
Tier Assignment System

**Widespread**

More than 7.0 per 100k

Our  
current  
case rate  
=31.6 as  
of 1/8

**Substantial**

4.0-7.0 per 100k

**Moderate**

1.0-3.9 per 100k

**Minimal**

less than 1.0 per 100k

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*Governor's December 30  
proposal. Subject to legislative  
approval...*

Counties **MAY** open if daily  
infection rate is lower than 28  
per 100,000

Governor's plan goals:

- Feb 15 TK-2
- March 15 for TK-6

*Note that the existing  
reopening metrics (figure  
1) differ from new metrics  
and thresholds referenced  
in the Governor's  
December 30 proposal  
(figure 2). We hope to  
have clarity on changes by  
January 12.*

# Proposed Goals and Decision Dates

<i>January 12 Board Meeting</i>	<i>January 26 Board Meeting</i>	<i>February 9 Board Meeting</i>	<i>March 9 Board Meeting</i>	<i>April 6 Board Meeting</i>
Set reopening goal for all schools for March 8	Review and revise schedules w/School Board	If remaining in purple: Pursue March 8 or adjust to March 29	If remaining in purple: Middle and High stay in DL for year	
	Update on progress toward goals		If remaining in purple: K-5 pursue March 29 w/an option to adjust to May 3	If still in purple: K-5 to DL for remainder of the year
	Update on local conditions and labor agreements	If improved to red or better: Pursue March 8	Evaluate and assess opening	

# Focus and Bandwidth Adjustments in Near Term

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- Continued negotiations with labor
- Small group services and supports in early February
- Child care services and options
- Expanded summer session concepts
- Preparations and decisions for fall of 2021



# Small Group Concepts (Goal is early February)

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Groups of 6-8 students to begin.

**Concept 1:** Basic access to learning. Group is composed of students from variety of classes and supervised by a certificated or classified employee.

**Concept 2:** Students receive in-person support during asynchronous or independent time.

# Schedules

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Review of updated and proposed in-person  
schedule concepts on January 26.

# Childcare and ASES Funded Programs Update

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- Ruby Bridges, Love, and Paden will open childcare opportunities for students who received AIK support last fall. Those programs will begin in late January at those three sites.
- Ruby Bridges will have support from EDMO (current ASES provider).
- Love will have support from BACR (current ASES provider).
- Paden will have a combination of site staff and Alameda Arts support.
- AIK will continue to provide childcare at Franklin Elementary beginning in late January for focal students from Franklin, Otis, Edison, Earhart, Maya Lin, and Bay Farm.

# Financial Support for Reopening: Federal

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- Federal COVID Relief Package
  - Approximately \$3.2 Million for AUSD
  - In addition to uses approved under CARES Act., funds may be used for school facility repairs to reduce risk of virus transmission and maintenance and repair of HVAC Systems to improve air quality

# Financial Support for Reopening: State

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- State Safe Schools for All Funding
  - Provide in-person instruction to TK-2 students (as well as those needing intervention) by **February 16**
  - Expand in-person instruction to students all elementary grades by **March 15**
  - \$450/ADA to cover COVID-related expenditures
  - To qualify
    - Prepare COVID Safety Plan (CSP) per guidance to be released on January 8
      - May include student testing
    - Prepare safety plan for all employees following Cal OSHA & CDPH guidelines
    - Submit ratified collective bargaining agreements
    - Certify to ACOE that students who remain in distance learning have the necessary tools to participate in online education

# What Remains Unclear

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- How does the Safe Schools for All plan intersect with the ACPHD's orders?
- Will the Safe Schools for All plan override the current Blueprint for a Safer Economy tiers for re-opening?
- What happens if current case rates make it impossible for school districts to open?
- ACPHD is currently looking into these matters but has indicated they want their plans to align with the state's.

# Reopening Planning and Processes for AUSD Schools

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Questions?