

# Columbia Elementary Reopening School Discussion





# Agenda

- Housekeeping and Goals
- Background
- Current Laws/Regulations
- Plan for school year



# Housekeeping

- If you have a question, please type it in the chat.
- Mrs. Mohr will be monitoring the chat. She will respond in writing on the chat or ask/discuss the question with the whole group.
- If we don't have time to answer all questions or do not know the answer, we will write the question down and send out answers after the meeting.
- Please understand that we do not know all of the answers yet.
- The plans presented are in draft form. We need your feedback!



# Goals

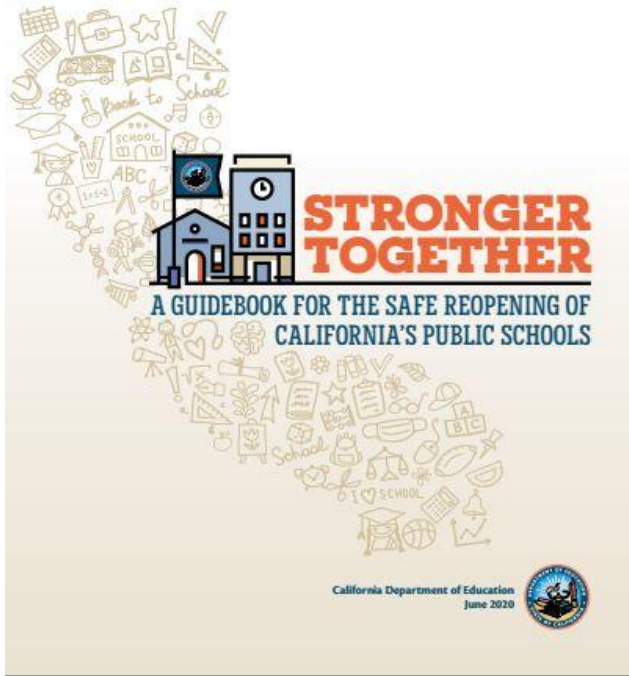
- Provide a preliminary plan for reopening school in August
- Inform the development of the plan through questions and feedback
- Ensure the plan has all needed elements to support our community



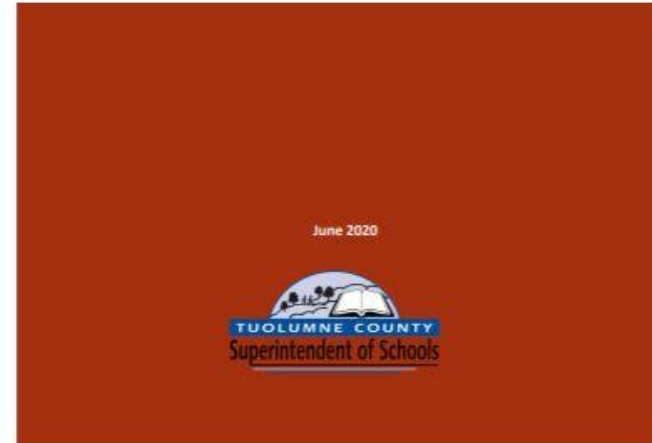
# Background

- Our number 1 goal is to return all students to school full time. However, we have to consider the following:
  - All decisions are made in conjunction with Public Health and current laws and public health orders.
  - We have always held that the safety of our students is our top priority. The virus poses enough of a risk to modify the way we do business.
  - No plan will make everyone happy. However, we will do our best to ensure a wealth of options for your student to be actively engaged in learning.

# We used these plans as guidance:



**2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING  
A GUIDE TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES  
OF COVID-19**





# Flexibility

- The state has granted us flexibility in the number of instructional minutes for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The state has not granted us flexibility in the number of instructional days, either in person or through distance learning, for the 2020-2021 school year.
- This means we can shorten the daily schedule, but we must offer 180 days of instruction.



## Sports

***At this time***, sports are not allowed on our school campus. We are expecting guidance in mid-July on this from the California Department of Public Health.





## After School Care

*At this time*, we do not have any information for after school (PM Club) care yet.



# Face Coverings

***At this time***, the current order would require face coverings for staff and students at school.



# Plans

- We are planning for three scenarios for 2020-2021. It is likely that we may use two or even three of these. We will start with Option B.:
  - Option A- We return to school with some basic precautions in place.
  - Option B- A hybrid model. Students will attend school on some days and distance learn on other days to accommodate physical distancing.
  - Option C- We provide all instruction through distance learning.



## Plans

Option A is ideal, however, it is not likely that Public Health nor the California Department of Education will allow us to do this to start.

Option C will only be used if we are ordered to shut the campus down completely.



## Option B

- This would be in place if physical distancing is required.
- We can currently fit about 14 students in a classroom with physical distancing guidelines in place.



## Option B

- We would need to have a reduced number of students on the campus on any given day.
- To do this, we would need to run an A/B schedule.
- Students would be in either the A group or B group.
- Siblings would be grouped in the same groups to help with childcare.



## Schedule for A/B options

- Monday -Thursday
- Likely a shortened day each day to allow for cleaning and sanitizing
- Friday: all students on distance learning with teachers available for support.



# Screening

- Parents would be asked to check students each day for any symptoms. If any symptoms or fever is present, the student should not come to school.
- Staff and student temperatures will be taken upon entering the class. If a student has a fever, they will be isolated until a parent can pick them up.
- Students will need to be symptom free for 72 hours before returning to school per current public health guidelines.





# Cohorts

- The goal for any altered schedule will be for students to maintain cohorts as they move through the day.
- In other words, students will interact only with the other students in their class. This will limit the number of contacts in case of potential virus exposure.
- Students would maintain their class cohort throughout the day.
- Middle school teachers would change rooms instead of students changing rooms.



# A/B Days

Students would attend in class instruction on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.

- Advantages:
  - Students have face to face contact with teachers each week.
  - Students have more frequent check in on academic progress.
- Disadvantages:
  - Difficult to start and stop instruction on an every other day rotation.
  - Students would have more potential exposure to COVID-19 because of the shorter time period between cohorts of students.



# A/B Weeks

Students would attend Monday-Thursday, one week on, one week off.

- **Advantages:**
  - Students would have more continuity for in person instruction.
  - Students could complete longer projects
  - Students would still have the same number of in person days as A/B Days
  - Students would have less potential exposure to COVID-19.
- **Disadvantages:**
  - Students will be out a whole week between in person classes.
  - Less frequent face to face check ins with teachers.



# **Full Time Distance Learning/Homeschooling**

We will have options for full time distance learning for 2020-2021.

Distance Learning

Homeschool



# Classroom Organization

- Student desks would be 6 feet away from each other in the classroom.
- No sharing of physical materials.



# Transportation

- We can fit about 15 students on a bus with physical distancing.
- We would run the buses at a limited capacity.
- Students would be required to wear a mask.
- Students would have assigned seats.
- The bus would be loaded from the back to the front.
- Buses would be cleaned and sanitized daily.



# Technology

- We distributed 200 Chromebooks in April. We have some additional Chromebooks available for check out.
- We do not have any hotspots for internet. We are working to get some, but there is a big demand for these globally.
- We have internet access in our parking lot for students to use. This is the same for all Tuolumne County Schools (user: distance-learning, password: #together)
- Distance Learning materials will be available online (preferred) or in packet form.



## Follow Up

- A Town Hall meeting is scheduled July 9 at 6:00pm for all Tuolumne County Schools.
- We will have a more complete plan, incorporating your feedback from tonight, out to all stakeholders by July 20.