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
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.
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.
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.
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.

● Avantages:
  ○ 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.