

January 20, 2021

Dear SMUSD Families,

Thank you for the input and feedback that you have offered as we make decisions regarding the reopening plans for our district schools.

At last night's SMUSD Board of Education meeting, the Governing Board discussed proposed return to in-person dates for elementary students and reviewed information for in-person small cohort options for our secondary students. Please see below for highlights of the meeting:

#### Elementary Schools

##### ***Return to In-Person Plans***

The district will implement a phased-in approach for the return to in-person learning for our elementary students:

##### **Returning to in-person on January 26th**

- Preschool (1/25), Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1
- All elementary specialized special education programs

##### **Returning to in-person on February 16th\***

- Grades 2 and 3

##### **Returning to in-person on February 23rd\***

- Grades 4 and 5

\*The Board will continue to review State and local guidance, monitor County COVID-19 case rates, and assess school site infrastructure to ensure that students will be able to return on the above dates. Any changes to these plans will be shared in a timely manner with our families.

##### ***In-Person to Virtual Instruction Survey for Grades PK-1 and Grades 2-5***

##### **Preschool - 1st Grade**

Survey results from PK-1 are currently being analyzed for the viability of opening additional virtual classrooms. If it is determined that we are able to offer these classes, families that responded to the survey will be contacted. In the meantime, all families enrolled in hybrid learning in preschool through 1st grade should report to campus for in-person instruction on January 26th.

##### **Grades 2-5**

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Families that are currently enrolled in the in-person hybrid model in grades 2-5 will be surveyed for a final opportunity to express their interest in moving to virtual instruction for the remainder of the year. As with the PK-1 survey, the results will allow us to determine if we are able to open additional virtual classrooms. Grade 2-5 families will receive the survey in a separate email. Only those wishing to change models from in-person to virtual need to complete the survey.

### ***Parent-Teacher Conference Week***

Please mark your calendars for grades TK-5 parent-teacher conference week. All classes will be remote and minimum day (8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) during conference week.

February 5th                      Minimum Day, Remote Instruction, Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 8th                      Non-Student Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 9th - 11th      Minimum Day, Remote Instruction, Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Secondary Schools

### ***Return to In-Person Plans***

#### **Returning to in-person January 26th**

- Secondary specialized special education programs
- Small cohorts (previously operating)
- Athletics (January 25th)

#### **Grades 6-12 will remain in remote instruction**

Small cohorts will be expanded at middle and high school in the upcoming weeks. This information will be communicated by your school sites.

Our middle and high schools remain poised and ready to open to in-person hybrid instruction as soon as the County moves into the less restrictive Red tier. We will continue to update our families in the upcoming weeks.

We thank all of our families for their continued patience and support. Your advocacy for your children and your involvement in their education has been and will always be appreciated and welcome.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Campbell, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services