



Update on Re-Opening MOU Next Steps

Board Meeting
May 6, 2021
Agenda Item No. 9.3

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Collapsing of Cohorts Based on Three Feet Distancing Guidance and Attempts to Meet and Confer with SCTA

- CDC, CDPH, SCDPH allow for three feet distancing between students in classroom settings 4(g)-1((1)-1i.6()x)

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- Section A.3 of the MOU with SCTA

History of Communications

- [District's March 31, 2021 Request to Meet and Confer](#)
- [SCTA's April 5, 2021 Refusal to Meet and Confer](#)
- [District's April 7, 2021 Second Request to Meet and Confer](#)
 - [Quoting the CDE](#), *"an LEA with more than sufficient space, staffing, hygienic supplies, etc. to ensure health and safety of all students should be offering full-day and full-week in-person instruction to all of its students."*

SCTA April 9 Communication

- SCTA stated it *would be open to having discussions with the District regarding possible modifications to the instructional model, the composition of the cohorts and even whether cohorting would have to continue* once in-person instruction resumed and we had a clearer sense of how many students were returning for in-person instruction.

District April 20, 2021 Communication

- *In order to facilitate these discussions around next steps for bringing students back for more in-person learning each day and week, we are providing SCTA with data we have gathered regarding in-person attendance of Cohorts A and B, grades TK-3 from April 8- 14, 2021.*
- *We have also included information in this dataset that is important as we consider reducing the spacing between students consistent with CDC, CDPH and SCDPH*

District's May 6 Letter and Collapsing of Cohorts at 6-Foot Social Distance

- Many class cohorts could be merged into single groupings of students attending in-person 4 days each week even at 6-foot social distancing.
- The District has shared information which shows every grade level at each site where this can be done based on in-person attendance.
 - There are 24 school sites where all grade level cohorts could be collapsed into single class groupings at the 6-foot standard.
 - There are a total of 255 site grade levels that could have classes collapsed into single groups
 - There are also many schools where most, but not all, of the grade levels/classes could be collapsed at 6-foot social distancing.
 - 8 additional schools have all but one grade level that can be collapsed at this standard.

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- The District has shared a [map that shows how many classrooms at each elementary school can support a single group of students at 6-foot social distancing.](#)

Next Steps

- District plans to collapse the cohorts of all District classes where doing so can be done at 6-foot student-to-student and student-adult social distancing, initially for elementary grades.
- The parties will discuss the collapsing of cohorts on May 12, 2021.

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