

April 26, 2021

**TO:** SBCUSD employees  
**FROM:** Assistant Superintendents and SBTA Leadership  
**RE:** 2021-22 School Year Updates

---

SBCUSD is diligently preparing to offer in-person learning experiences (*phase 4 of our Progression of Instructional Models*) for the 2021-22 while ensuring appropriate safety measures are in place per California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance. The purpose of this communicate is to update all SBCUSD staff of the status for current and future actions.

### **Safety Measures and Associated Training**

1. **Individuals must wear masks:** SBCUSD Governing Board adopted board policy ([BP 0470 | COVID-19 Mitigation Plan](#)) requiring students, staff and visitors to wear protective face coverings while on campus and school buses.
2. **Physical distancing must be practiced:** SBCUSD schools are currently being retrofitted to support physical distancing in classrooms, offices, restrooms and other common areas. All furniture is being returned into classrooms, distancing requirements will be accomplished by marking off seats between students. We are monitoring updates from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for physical distancing requirements. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
3. **Hand washing and/or sanitizing must be part of daily routines:** Portable sinks and hand sanitizing stations are being placed at all SBCUSD schools.

Prior to returning students to school for the 2021-22 school year staff will be trained in accordance with Cal OSHA standards and school wide routines will be developed. Collaboratively with the Physical Distance School Implementation Teams (PDSIT) and family input, each school will develop plans to manage routines including restroom schedules, recess, passing periods, entrance/dismissal routes, lunches and any other potential congregating scenarios.

### **In-Person Learning**

On April 14 the following was shared from CDPH, *If current trends and best practices continue, the next school year can begin with offering full in-person instruction to all students (full days, five days per week). Some staff, students and families may continue to require accommodations. (CDPH).* Thus SBCUSD is planning a full return to school (phase 4) with the safety measures listed above. We continue to monitor guidance from the CDPH. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>. If current COVID-19 trends continue we are planning on returning to five full days of school per week on August 2, implementing safety guidelines outlined from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Regardless of the instructional schedule, all students will have a robust and comprehensive, standards-based, learning experience. SBCUSD has also improved many educational systems and provided many supports and

additional learning experiences for all students, including targeted support for student groups in need of additional support. Teachers will have many resources and additional personnel support to help meet the needs of all students. In addition, students will have tutoring and many additional resources they will be able to access from home for extra learning opportunities. The Accelerated Student Achievement Plan (ASAP) outlines a comprehensive plan of extended learning opportunities and direct support, and additional academic and socio emotional support to help recapture and accelerate any gaps in learning experiences students may have experienced due to the COVID 19 pandemic. [ASAP Plan Overview](#)

### **Virtual Academy Option**

The District will offer a virtual option for students for the 2021-22 school year. We will be expanding our independent study options in order to have a more robust program to meet the needs of students. Options were developed collaboratively between Alternative Learning Center admin and staff and was vetted by various departments from Educational Services and Student Services. There will be three (3) options for TK -12 grade students.

- TK-8- Teacher Led Virtual Academy
  - This option mirrors the distance learning model that we have implemented during the 2020-21 school year. Students will have daily live instruction with a credentialed teacher followed by asynchronous time in order to meet instructional minutes.
- K-12- Online Virtual Learning
  - This option utilizes Edmentum digital curriculum to offer students self paced learning. Teachers will be online to assist students as needed.
- TK-12- Traditional Independent Studies Model
  - This option follows our existing Independent Study program. Students will be given work from a credentialed teacher and will physically meet with the teacher at the Alternative Learning Center one to two times per week.

Staff will be determined through HR processes and program needs per current collective bargaining agreement. Teachers will be provided a location to work daily. Further planning and implementation is subject to negotiations with SBTA.

### **Wellness Supports and Associated Training**

The SWSS department is outlining comprehensive approach to providing social-emotional, mental and physical health supports, the District is organizing the following supports:

- Districtwide launch of SEL instruction
  - Professional Development for classroom teachers and counselors on the digital curriculum platform
  - District developed SEL Standards & Benchmarks (currently in revision)
  - Additional site PD opportunities to expand their Trauma-Responsive, Restorative Practices, PBiS implementation to facilitate the development of SEL
- School Climate & Culture Team Supports There are a number of expectations, procedures, routines that must be established, taught to students and reinforced to ensure students and staff remain safe. These tasks include: handwashing schedules, restroom procedures, recess procedures and locations, passing periods, and staggered release. PDSIT school teams will develop plans for these various tasks to meet the needs of each school's unique setting. Please seek further clarification from your principal to learn more about the PDSIT planning. This work is just beginning so if you have not heard anything yet, you will.

**Option to Receive Vaccinations**

We know the decision to get vaccinated is a personal one. At this time, there is no legal requirement for students or staff members to be vaccinated, nor is the SBCUSD asking for this information. Anyone wishing to receive the COVID-19 vaccination is encouraged to sign up and register at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or [sbcovid19.com/vaccine/locations/](https://sbcovid19.com/vaccine/locations/).

Tonight, Monday, April 26, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM SBCUSD will be hosting a Town Hall for our families and staff to share the safety measures and answer related questions. A second Town Hall regarding the virtual academy and other academic related questions will be held Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00-8:00 PM. We encourage you to attend the Town Hall as sharing knowledge with our team members cannot happen frequently enough.

What the last year has shown all of us is the fluid nature of this pandemic thus more information will be forthcoming, by mid May, regarding employee leaves, wellness supports for staff and any pertinent safety updates.

SBCUSD and SBTA encourage all parties to consider this a collaborative process. All staff members are encouraged to communicate and work together to solve any unforeseen issues that may occur along the way.