# San Marcos Unified School District Safe School Reopening Plans, Part II 

September 15, 2020

## Presentation Overview

- Model review
- w/questions \& feedback
- Review of SMUSD Community Input
- Guidance based on input
- Discussion


## Review of Models \& Feedback

9/8 FEEDBACK \& QUESTIONS

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## Most Frequent Input/Questions

## Elementary Models

## Model \#1: AM/PM

2 cohorts split into A \& B 2.5 hours of daily in-person A cohort in-person in the AM B cohort in-person in the PM 2 hours for cleaning between cohorts

## PARENTS

## STAFF

- Those in favor of this model preferred consistent daily instruction
- Families w/younger students preferred this model
- Concerns about time for cleaning
- Concerns about only 2.5 hours of instruction
- Concerns about the ability to arrange childcare
- Similar concerns as parents regarding cleaning
- Concerns with exposure to more students daily
- Questions about the start and end times of the day
- Questions from teachers of "specials" on their role in this model
- Operational concerns on the associated costs of the model (custodial \& transportation)


## Most Frequent Input/Questions

## Elementary Models

## Model \#2: 2 Day A/B

2 cohorts split into A \& B 2 days a week of in-person instruction
A cohort in-person on T/Th B cohort in-person on W/F

## PARENTS

- Preference for full day of instruction that includes more than the core
- Easier to arrange childcare (DELAC)
- Those with students at multiple sites concerned about cohorts matching BUT appreciative of matching secondary schedule
- Concerns about learning on non inperson days


## STAFF

- Most input from staff indicated this as a preferred model
- Concerns about the ability to teach students in-person and remotely at the same time
- Questions from "specials" teachers regarding number of daily student contacts


## Most Frequent Input/Questions

## Elementary Models

Model \#3: 2 Day A/B Combo
2 cohorts split into A \& B 2 days a week of in-person instruction
A cohort in-person on T/Th B cohort in-person on W/F TK/K* on campus everyday
*Other grades possible per site context

## PARENTS

- Concerns about learning on non inperson days
- Parents of younger students overwhelmingly indicate a need for daily in-person instruction
- Questions on if the model for TK/K would be half-day or full-day
- Comments mirrored those of 2 Day A/B
- Administrators indicate a preference for this model


## Post Study Session Comments Elementary: 301 Total Comments



## 22 comments for 'do

 not open schools/too soon'- Virus is still too active
- Will not be safe until there is a vaccine


## 22 comments supporting AM/PM model

- Students receive instruction everyday
- Mask wearing more manageable for only 2 hours
- Avoids cohort mixing
- Complications drop off \& pick-up for parents

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## Secondary Models: Middle School

## 2 Day A/B Hybrid

## 2 cohorts split into A \& B

 2 days a week of in-person instructionA cohort in-person on T/Th B cohort in-person on W/F

## Most Frequent Input/Questions

## PARENTS

- Large preference for students to be inperson 2+ days
- Preference for all students to return to in-person prior to 2nd semester
- Large concerns about the social emotional health of students
- Concerns about instruction on non in-person days
- Questions on schedules shifting upon return


## Post Study Session Comments Middle School: 78 Total Comments

27 comments for students on campus 5days a week

- Social emotional needs of students
- Motivation of students
- How students will access course material on at-home days

28 comments for 'do not open schools/too soon'

- Too much potential for cross-contamination
- Schools are too large with too many kids on campus

2 comments '2-day A/B, not A/B/C/D

- More consistency
- Students need more time on campus not less
- Particular concerns for students with IEPs


## Secondary Models: High School

## 2 Day A/B Hybrid

## 2 cohorts split into A \& B

 2 days a week of in-person instructionA cohort in-person on T/Th B cohort in-person on W/F

## Most Frequent Input/Questions

## PARENTS

- Preference for all students to return to in-person prior to 2nd semester
- Preference for 2+ days a week, not 1 day a week
- Large concerns about the social emotional health of students (especially seniors)
- Concerns about instruction on non in-person days
- Questions on schedules shifting upon return


## Post Study Session Comments High School: 168 Total Comments

## 70 comments to reopen as soon as possible

- Concern for seniors
- Students are missing out on school experience
- Ideally students would be on campus 5 days a week

56 comments for 'do not open schools/too soon'

- Not safe to return students to campus
- Campuses are too large even split
- Consistency with remote instruction
- Citations of other schools/districts failed reopenings


## Additional Feedback:

## Students

- Want to be back on campus as soon as possible
- In-person instruction combined with remote is not practical
- Preference for balanced instruction (teacher directed \& independent)
- Concerns about safety protocols (self-screening)
- Questions about consequences if students did not wear masks or adhere to social distancing
- Expressed socialemotional need for connection


## Additional Feedback:

## Administrators

- Majority of Elementary administrators indicate a preference for 2 day $A / B$ plus TK/K everyday (5 indicated a preference for am/pm)
- Need to account for school context with the 2 Day A/B plus model
- Secondary administrators prefer full implementation of the A/B hybrid at the semester
- With a concern of possibly too many students to maintain 18-1 with A/B; 2 administrators noted $A / B / C$ or $A / B / C / D$ would be viable if not preferred

Concerned of the "yo-yo" effect if schools must reclose

## For Your Consideration

## Elementary Models

## A Path Forward: Models

AM/PM<br>2 Day A/B<br>2 Day A/B Combo<br>(TK/K everyday)

## Secondary Models

A/B Hybrid
A/B/C/D Hybrid



## A Path Forward: Next Steps

Guidance on models/timelines from the Board
Ongoing training \& preparation for In-Person (safety protocols etc)
Re-Survey community for In-Person or Remote for Second Semester
Review LEVS implementation \& communicate to LEVS families Ongoing discussions with labor partners for In-Person return


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