

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 30, 2020

Superintendent's Message: Reopening Survey for Parents, Teachers, and Secondary Students

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Secondary Students,

We have been gathering input regarding reopening for the past few months through meetings held by the district as well as school sites. The Board of Education, district leadership team and principals have received hundreds of emails directly and through our Let's Talk portal. We are unable to respond to each, however, we are reading them and developing our plans with your interests in mind.

Based on these conversations and messages, we have developed models for reopening and now would like to ask all parents, all staff, and secondary students, to answer a few questions and share preferences relative to which model you think the district should return to, once we are in a less restrictive health tier, as directed by LA County Department of Public Health.

We have created similar, yet separate surveys, for parents (Child Development Services to 12th grade), middle and high school students, and all staff. With this format, we may compare preferences to guide a final decision.

Parent (secondary) survey Parent (elementary) survey Middle and high school student survey Staff survey

The survey deadline is Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Your feedback regarding reopening will inform the Board of Education where they will approve one model at the Dec. 17, 2020 meeting.

We are now providing in-person services for some of our special education and English learner students, and we appreciate the hard work of our staff and teachers to ensure the health and safety of these children and staff on our campuses. We continue to phase in additional in-person services and it is nice to see activity at our schools again. We are also in the process of applying for the TK-2 waiver.

We appreciate the great work by our teachers, staff, students, and parents, as we navigate these difficult times in education.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and each other.

Sincerely, Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent

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