

AMADOR COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19 UPDATE

Presented by

Dr. Amy L. Slavensky, Superintendent

September 9, 2020





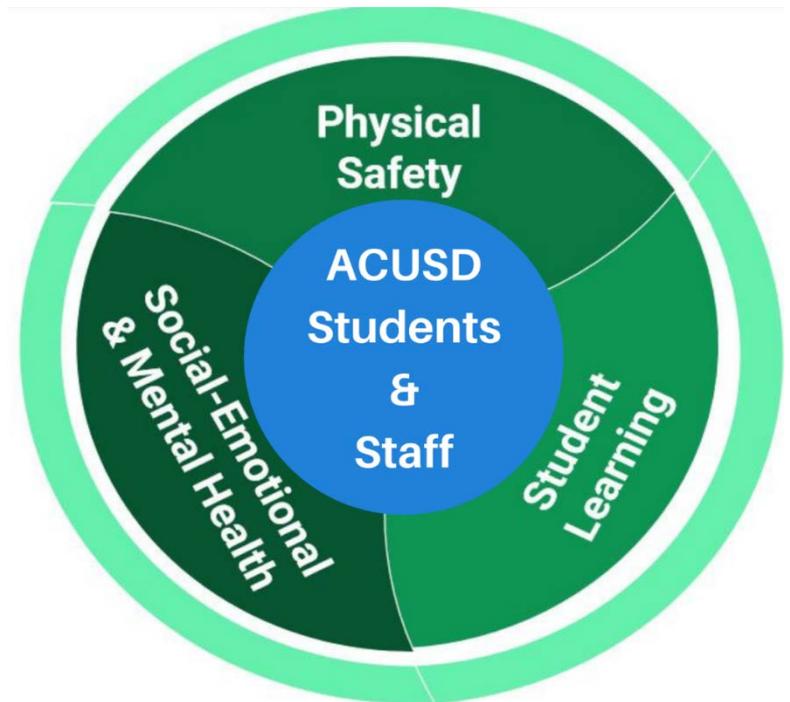
Agenda

1. Our Mission
2. Current Context
3. Targeted Support for Students
4. Phased School Reopening
5. Distance Learning
6. Preparing for Return to Campuses
7. Planning in a Dynamic Environment
8. Next Steps



Our Mission

Enriched by the diversity and deep traditions of our unique community, Amador County Public Schools will prepare, support, and inspire each student to achieve career and college success in a rapidly evolving world through highly engaging teaching, rigorous learning and innovative pathways supported by strong partnerships in a safe, caring, and collaborative environment.





Current Context

- School districts are in an unprecedented situation challenged simultaneously with a public health pandemic, wild fires and Public Safety Power Shutoff events.
- Public health guidance and government orders are constantly changing.
- Adaptability and flexibility continue to be essential to respond to these changing situations now and throughout the school year.



Targeted Support for Students

CDPH August 25, 2020 Guidance

- The California Department of Public Health released new guidance on “targeted, specialized support and services at school.”
- ACUSD is currently examining in-person support for most vulnerable students, such as English learners, students with disabilities, students far below grade level, foster youth, students from low income families.
- CDPH guidance requires small cohorts of no more than 14 students and 2 adults that do not mix groups.
- ACUSD desires to collaborate with our labor partners to achieve this support for students.



Phased School Reopening

- **Stage 1: Distance Learning (DL) ... We are here.**
- **Stage 2: Limited Student Access (Based on 8/25/2020 CDPH Guidance)**
 - *DL continues for all students*
 - *Special Education students, English learners and students far below grade level will return for assessments, services, and instruction in small groups*
 - *Information will be communicated to these families*
- **Stage 3: Hybrid Learning**
 - *When safe and allowable, pending Amador County Public Health Officer approval*
 - *Details provided in the Learning Continuity Plan*
- **Stage 4: Traditional Schedule with Restrictions**
 - *Five days a week on campus instruction*
 - *Daily sanitizing and social distancing*
 - *Limits on large gatherings, extracurricular activities and athletics*
- **Stage 5: Traditional Schedule with No Restrictions**
 - *Five days a week on campus instruction*
 - *Assemblies, extracurricular activities and athletics*
 - *Daily health screenings may still be required*



Distance Learning

- Schools reopened on August 17th in Distance Learning (DL).
- We recognize the dedication and extraordinary efforts of teachers, support staff, and administrators to develop and implement standards-aligned teaching and learning under these circumstances.
- We recognize the toll this is taking on social-emotional well-being of students, families and staff.
- We remain dedicated to continuous improvement, use of data and stakeholder input.
 - *New family and teacher surveys will be sent September 10th.*
 - *Feedback will be used to assist planning and improvements.*
- After we return to in-person instruction, DL will still likely be used, as needed, for quarantined cohorts or closing of schools due to COVID19 infections.



Preparing for Return to Campuses

- Continuing to plan for hybrid stage of learning.
- Continuing to implement safety measures with staff who are working on-site (air filters replaced 3-4 times a year, PPE purchased and deployed, masks and social distancing used, daily sanitizing and cleaning, sanitizing room foggers purchased, signage made and deployed, Plexiglas installed, etc.)
- Implementing ACUSD Health & Safety Plan During COVID19 for a Safe Return to School.
 - *Training provided to all managers*
 - *Principals trained all site staff*
 - *Following protocols expected and monitored*
- State Preschool and Extended Learning Program (ELP) provided on-site following all CDC and CDPH guidelines, complying with State child care requirements.



Planning in a Dynamic Environment

- As public health, state and local government orders, and public health guidance are revised, these plans will be revised.
- Additional actions may be added or modified as necessary during implementation.
- Given the dynamic and unprecedented situation, no plan is final as the circumstances continue to evolve.



Next Steps

- Continue to plan for in-person small cohort and hybrid learning, including use of CARES Act funds.
- Continue to collaborate with our labor partners.
- Continue to communicate updates to all stakeholders on returning to in-person learning.
- Continue to make improvements to Distance Learning.
- Conduct Public Hearing and First Reading of Learning Continuity Plan at Board of Trustees meeting, September 9, 2020.
- Conduct Second Reading and Approval of Learning Continuity Plan at Board of Trustees meeting, September 23, 2020.
 - *This relates to how we return to school for the 2nd quarter beginning on Monday, October 19th.*
- Continue to implement the Learning Continuity Plan making adjustments as needed.