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Dear Families, ASL Translation

As we embark upon this new stage of reopening, our top priorities continue to be our students, on maintaining our commitment to rigorous instruction, and ensuring the safety of everyone in the CSD community.

#### **SURVEY RESULTS**

We want to thank you for your responses to our recent family survey that was sent out on the first week of March. The results of that survey are as follows:

45%: families/caregivers prefer to send their child(ren) to school 55%: families/caregivers prefer **NOT** to send their child(ren) to school

#### **OFFICIAL REOPENING DATES**

Since that time, CDE has announced that the reopening dates are as follows:

## • Tuesday, April 27th

The following students may physically return to school: ECE to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Day students only

## Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

The following students may physically return to school:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade &

Work Readiness Program (WRP)/Adult Transition Program (ATP) day students **only** 

*In-person School Schedule:* Tuesdays to Thursdays - 8:30 am to 2:15 pm

#### IN-HOME AND IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

With those dates in mind, we need to prepare the best we can to ensure a safe environment and a successful return to school plan. Below is a brief description of two different instructional approaches that we intend to offer for the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year: In-Home Instruction and In-Person Instruction. You will be able to select one of the two approaches for your child(ren).

#### *In-Home Instruction:*

Families/caregivers may not feel comfortable sending their child(ren) to the school due to the pandemic and COVID-19 related concerns. In-Home Instruction is an option to address those

concerns. We will continue to provide instruction and academic support albeit in a different way than our Distance Learning (DL) has been. This option will be an independent work approach with office hours/appointments. Your child(ren)'s IEP goals will be followed in this virtual format. This In-Home Instruction approach is an interim service provided for the remainder of this school year only.

#### **In-Person Instruction:**

We will utilize various approaches of in-person instructional interaction between teachers, staff and students based upon multiple considerations. Instructional interaction will occur in spreadout locations on campus such as classrooms, outside of buildings and at different times/schedules. Masks, social distancing and safety protocols will be required at all times. Your child(ren)'s IEP goals will be followed. In-Person Instruction is only an interim service provided for the remainder of this school year.

#### **IEP AND RELATED SERVICES**

Related services via IEP will continue to be provided either virtually or on campus, depending on your selection for your child(ren). Any assessments that are due will continue to be completed as summaries if you elect In-Home instruction for your child(ren). Special and full triennial assessments will be completed as requested/due when your child is back on campus. IEP and any small or large meetings will continue to be conducted through ZOOM.

## **ON-CAMPUS PROTOCOLS**

Please be mindful that we will <u>NOT</u> offer any field trips during both school and non-school hours, any large gatherings/assemblies, Athletic events, in-person events such as Prom and others. Promotions/Graduation events will be done virtually in June. Independent Living Skills (ILS) for Seniors will not be offered. We are not engaging in those large-scale activities for the remainder of the school year because the health and safety of everyone at CSD is paramount.

Please be aware that the doors in buildings and classrooms will remain open as much as possible for the duration of the school day. This will help to reduce the concentration of airborne contaminants. For that reason, it is encouraged that your child(ren) wear/bring warm clothes such as jackets/sweaters particularly in the morning. It may be cold inside the building during the morning hours.

Students will be expected to wear masks at all times except during meals at the cafeteria.

## URGENT: YOUR RESPONSES NEEDED by Monday, April 19th 3:00 pm

Please click the link to the questionnaire and make your selection for your child(ren). Whatever option you select will be set for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year. Your decision will not affect your child(ren)'s potential recognition in any kind of achievement awards at the end of this school year and by the end of their Senior year. Because we will plan based on the responses we receive, you will not be able to change your selection at a later time.

If we do not receive a response from you by the April  $19^{th} - 3$  pm deadline, your child(ren) will be placed in the In-Home instruction category.

### **QUESTIONNAIRE:**

CSD School Reopening Questionnaire



If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child(ren)'s principal.

Thank you for your time and support!

Instructional Management Team (IMT)