

**NOTICE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
**TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**PLACE: DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**1875 WEST LOWELL AVENUE**  
**TRACY, CALIFORNIA**

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**TIME: 7:00 PM Open Session**

**MODIFIED MEETING PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC:**

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To make a public comment, please follow this [Public Comment Link](#) available only on October 20th between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to place your comment. Please note: Due to the expected volume of comments, we will adhere to Board Policy 9323 which states: "The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes..."

**A G E N D A**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>  | <b>Pg. No.</b> |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Roll Call – Establish Quorum</b><br>Board: S. Abererombie, A. Alexander, J. Costa, B. Pekari, S. Kaur, J. Silcox, L. Souza<br>Staff: B. Stephens, R. Pecot, T. Jalique, J. Stocking, B. Etcheverry   |                |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>   |                |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Hearing of Delegations:</b> Anyone wishing to address the Governing Board on a non-agenda item may be heard at this time. Oral presentations shall be held to a reasonable length, normally not to exceed five (5) minutes. If formal action is required, the board may request that the item be placed on a future agenda and action will be taken at a future date. If information or a report is requested, the request for it must also be submitted in writing to the superintendent. |                |

5. **Action Items:** Action items are considered and voted on individually. Trustees receive background information and staff recommendations for each item recommended for action in advance of scheduled meetings and are prepared to vote with knowledge on the action items.

**5.1 Administrative & Business Services:**

- 5.1.1** Reconsider Previously Approved Reopening Plan

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6. **Board Reports:** An opportunity for board members to discuss items of particular importance or interest in the district.

7. **Superintendent's Report:** An opportunity for the superintendent to share matters of special interest or importance which are not on the board agenda and/or special presentations of district programs or activities.

8. **Board Meeting Calendar:**

**8.1** October 27, 2020

**8.2** November 10, 2020

9. **Upcoming Events:**

**9.1** November 11, 2020

No School, Veterans' Day

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# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Brian Stephens, Ed.D., Superintendent  
**DATE:** October 19, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Reconsider Previously Approved Reopening Plan

**BACKGROUND:** Due to COVID-19, Tracy Unified School District, like many districts across the nation and the globe, began the 2020-2021 school year in a distance learning instructional model. On June 7, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) placed San Joaquin County on its monitoring list. On July 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that if a county has been on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days, a school must conduct distance learning only, until the county has been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days. In counties on the monitoring list, CDPH guidance allows a district superintendent, private school principal/head of school, or executive director of a charter school (hereinafter superintendent) to apply for a waiver from the local health officer to open an elementary school for in-person instruction. This waiver is applicable only for grades TK-6, even if the grade configuration at the school includes additional grades. Waiver requests will not be granted before San Joaquin's countywide case rate is under 200 per 100,000 for seven consecutive days. The county is recommending a phased approach in school districts with multiple TK-6 schools, to open schools in staggered intervals. When applying for the waiver, the superintendent must submit to the local health officer evidence of (1) consultation with labor and parent organizations and (2) publication of the elementary school reopening plans on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent). The local health officer then reviews the application and reopening plan (along with local community epidemiological data), makes a determination whether to grant or deny the waiver, and consults with CDPH regarding that determination. Elementary schools in counties on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days may not open for in-person instruction until they have received approval of a submitted waiver from the local health officer. On August 28, 2020, San Joaquin Public Health released the Elementary Schools Reopening Application Waiver for district to apply. Because the number of new cases per 100K has fallen under 14 to 12.6, San Joaquin County Public Health department is currently accepting and approving waivers for the re-opening of schools. On September 22, 2020, the TUSD School Board approved the TUSD Reopening Schools Plan and on September 24, 2020, the TUSD Reopening Schools was submitted to the San Joaquin County Public Health Department for approval.

**RATIONALE:** This agenda item meets District Strategic Goal #1: Prepare all students to be well-rounded individuals with the knowledge and skills to pursue their college and/or career goals; and District Strategic Goal #2: Hire, support, develop, train, and sustain District employees who create a singleness of purpose focused on maximizing students' academic, social, and emotional potential.

**FUNDING:** The Local Control Funding Formula and COVID-19 mitigation funds support the reopening of TUSD Elementary schools.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Reconsider Previously Approved Reopening Plan.

**Prepared by:** Brian Stephens, Superintendent.