

# **NOTES FROM THE COVID-19 TASKFORCE**

## **BREAK OUT ROOMS**

**4/22/21**

### **Break Out Group C: CHS Teacher, FHS Student, HHS Parent, CHS Parent, District Administrator**

**Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective?**

- Student: elected to stay remote; no bumps (other than SCL on Tues); esp. for upperclassmen, there are fewer classes; T's have been working to balance remote and in-person S's; remote is similar to what it was before
- Parent: S went back M/T; S didn't enjoy remote and was very happy/cheery when they came back from school; T's recognized S; audio suggestion- if T can both project what they're sharing in the classroom, rather than having students just on Zoom (delayed response inside the classroom)
- Parent: S went back for 4 days; went smoothly; was disappointed there wasn't more of a 'wow' factor in getting back to class; pizza lunches has been a hit; S thought the detours were difficult to navigate on campus
- Parent: both S stayed home; have heard of T's who are not paying attention to remote S's; kids would like veggies in addition to pizza lunches; would also like COVID testing for students who are there in person\*
- District Administrator: was able to visit 3 sites to see; wish there were more students but many T's spun it as a positive thing; can only do so much to get kids back on campus because we aren't allowed to have that many S's back.

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- Parents: S's prob stayed home because they like their routines; I wasn't concerned about safety; with more vaccines, it'll be safer
- District Administrator: what if we can't get younger kids vaccinated? Will people be more comfortable with attending in person to receive a comprehensive HS experience?
- Parent: We'd send kids back. I think many parents will feel the same, unless they have health concerns
- Parent: Will vaccines be required? Prob be a much higher attendance rate if everyone's vaccinated.
- Student: I think most kids will be very excited to return. Lots of people are getting vaccinated.
- Teacher: Yes; we want to be back. We miss the kids! I am hearing a lot of concern from parents of young children that we might not have our kids in school full time, which means we have to figure out how to care for our own children and do our jobs for another year- this has been a source of great stress for working parents, and many of us are reaching our limit for dealing with the situation. The whole system has to come together. I am hearing from a lot of teachers that they wouldn't be able to do this for another year.

Also, a lot of concern that we're not moving fast enough to plan for August! We only have 5 weeks left and it'd be great to have some sort of focus by the time summer starts.

**Break Out Group D: FHS Teacher, CHS Teacher, FHS Student, FHS Parent, HHS Teacher, District Administrator, District Manager**

**Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective?**

- Teacher: biggest class is 8 students; having a hard time focusing on both groups - in person and in class, not as easy to stand up and have a conversation about math; senior students are feeling like we are not making an effort for their end of the year activities (Harker is doing a dinner on the field, etc.); can we find other ways to honor current seniors
- Teacher: biggest class is 6 students, like that in-person class is small so that I can juggle both; super energizing to see most-struggling students in person; lunches are amazing; annoying that Schoology went down for a few days - impossible for both groups; feel more behind on grading and keeping up in hybrid; students are behaving great - they are wearing masks and distancing themselves.
- Teacher: small class is 4, largest is 10 (with more to come); the most struggling students chose to return, it helps to be in the room with them; students are being safe with masks and distancing; our tech team is amazing;
- Teacher: recommend for Fall - students need to be taught to speak up under a mask or provide a mic for students
- Parent (student remained remote): he has not complained but, he notices that his access to teachers is less; could hear teachers with mask on; student wants to go back but with health issues he is more uncomfortable at home
- Parent (students went back): both students spoke first about how much they love lunch; kids feel safe on campus; learning to roll with the punches with Schoology

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- How can we balance class size? Some of our classes are 36+ students
- Want to go back to teaching so bad but, cannot imagine being glued to desk/ podium all day (in hybrid); can we have classes that are remote-only?
- Hard to make a comment when you don't know what is going to happen/ what the plan is.
- The more vaccinated staff/students, the better
- Construction - if there is construction outside our classroom(s), we cannot keep doors open or hear very well

**Break Out Group E: FHS Teacher, CHS Teacher, LHS Student, LHS Parent, District Administrator, District Nurse**

**Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective?**

- Student: remote still at this time. It seemed almost the same as before when in full remote, Communication with students in person and online is difficult, but he thinks that it will get better. In person students have shared that it has been good. Free lunch is a big hit.

- Teacher: love having the students back at school as it makes school seem more typical. Students seem to be happy in some ways to be back at school. The hiccups that came up on the first couples of days seem to have ironed out mostly through flexibility. Students seem to be very flexible and go with what is going on and the changes that are happening.
- Teacher: all students in her room with her that are 12th graders all have had at least their first vaccine so she feels very safe at school with her students. The students did like the free lunch, they do miss the open campus and not being able to leave to get what they want. First time to give hard copies and the student was excited to be able to do it on hard paper. Academics seem to be going okay, and getting through the kinks in the technology.
- Parent: her students are staying home in remote learning. They thought that survey said that there were not many coming back so they wanted to stay home too. Her students shared that the most of in person was 6 students in the classes they were in and wondered why her students chose to stay home. She sent a survey to parents in the school and they shared with her that the lunches are not enough food (can they have more than one helping). Not too many vegetables in the lunches and would like to see more healthier options. Hand sanitizer seems to be loose and does not seem as clean as other rooms. The social distancing during lunch seems to be a bit loose with the rules and that the testing is only available for sports and not the rest of the students on campus.

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- All students would like it to be as close to normal as possible
- 11th and 12th graders could potentially be vaccinated so feel safer to come back
- Hoping for social events (homecoming, prom, etc.) to be back
- There should be an option for hybrid or online learning available for students who need that as an option
- Online school possibilities
- School campus
- In person- majority of students
- As a teacher- doing 4 periods in person and 1 period online to be able to do both for students who need it versus going hybrid for students
- Make class sizes smaller to be able to have less students in the room and kept safe
- All students back on campus per the parent’s thoughts
- CAASP testing how is that going to work

**Break Out Group G: District Manager, CHS Principal, LHS Classified Staff Member, FHS Teacher, HHS Teacher, HHS Student, LHS Student**

**Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective?**

- Student online, doing remote learning, most of his friends staying home, isn’t vaccinated, still feels like remote is the best choice for his comfort and convenience. The balance between roomies and Zoomies varies between the teachers. Some are using cameras while they are walking/talking; others are sitting behind the camera; computer teacher is doing “extra” on the technology.

- Daughter also home; most of the students are at home in her classes, not seeing much difference. Hard to not pay attention to people not in front of her, but it is going okay. Teachers are encouraging kids to come back; don't want to feel pressured.
- Student: imagine if everyone turns off the camera...I really like it remotely. "I'm not vaccinated" right now.
- Students are not fully vaccinated; they don't want to spread COVID themselves to their families.
- Cautiously optimistic about the fall. We're not out of the pandemic yet. Parents and other adults haven't had the same access to vaccines as teachers and administrators.
- Some teachers are working remotely because they have their own health issues or others in their families who need support. "Stay home until you're vaccinated."
- It's been interesting seeing my students in my classroom from afar. They are having much the same experience for my class as before. My sub is a retired teacher and that coordination is going well.
- Teachers were super tired on Monday/Tuesday.
- 20% of this that I like: I love seeing students; this student who is there really needed to be there. Happy to work with my colleagues; have everything I need. It's been awful, nonetheless. Not educational worries, it's form-factor worries. It's Day 3. A part of me that is happy about this, but there's more of me that's garbage.
- All the teachers have to kids over here, over there, right now, I wouldn't want to be a teacher. High respect for the teachers. The tech-savvy differences among teachers make it harder for some...
- 16-18-year olds only...we have 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are 13. Wanting to get vaccines. There are some side effects.
- Another staying home; doesn't seem like much of learning difference. Not the same feel as before on campus. "relatively the same for everyone"

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- Vaccines
- Will there be a Plan B/Plan C if there are distancing requirements? Normal occupancy
- Independent study students? Effect on the master schedule?

**Break Out Group H: FHS Guidance Counselor, CHS Classified Staff Member/CSEA Representative, LHS Parent, HHS Parent, District Administrator, District Nurse**

**Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective?**

- Would be nice to have outdoor, handwashing stations
- Sanitizers indoors but wasn't seeing many students outdoors accessing the restrooms
- Very excited to be back in in-person
- Returning just for sports/activities also helps with making connection
- Routine from in-person has been helpful
- Sometimes may feel like too little, too late for students who didn't want to come back
- Very welcoming environment in-person
- Concerns regarding mask/6 feet compliance

- Wasn't a significant issue, didn't want to turn it into a police state
- Balance of staying healthy but also making sure we weren't constantly on kids
- Made signs to show instead of yelling at students

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- Full return
- Masks + social distancing
- Concerned about overdoing the protective measures
- Addressing the learning gaps
- How are we preparing the teachers to handle it?
- What will testing look like in-person? No plans for student testing, only athletes and coaches
  - Approx. 1000 students every week, but 2 to 3 false positives
  - Zero positive tests at FHS