

# COVID-19 TASKFORCE MEETING

## June 10, 2021

*A summary of the meeting has been created, incorporating the chat from Zoom. Conversations have been aligned to the agenda items.*

**Superintendent Polly Bove welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda for the meeting and shared pictures and details from graduation (slides 1-3).**

16:04:55 From Parent: Kudos to the admin teams for all of their hard work on graduations!!

16:05:42 From Principal: Thank you!!

**Polly reviewed the results of the survey regarding returning to school for the 21-22 school year (slides 4-5). She then introduced the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and purpose of including it in today's meeting.**

16:08:10 From Teacher: are we extrapolating that the 26 and 126 would be double-ish that? (3600 responses vs. however many students are in our district)

16:09:58 From Polly Bove: yes, we believe that it is very likely that those who are most worried about return were most likely to respond, but each school is doing additional outreach as they would do every year to ensure that we know what all families are planning on doing in the fall.

16:10:01 From Parent: If I had to guess, I would imagine that the families most passionate about utilizing a remote learning format would have responded. The families who don't care about format would be less likely to respond.

16:10:50 From Principal: I had a PTSA parent say that very thing last night. She said since she wanted her kids to return, she didn't bother with the survey.

16:11:25 From Parent: I have a lot of friends who want their kids to return but they didn't fill it out either.

16:13:07 From Teacher: I get opt-in bias, but given how sometimes FHS has a hard time getting parent responses, I'm mildly concerned (maybe one click less dramatic than concerned) opt-in issues might be a little different at FHS.

16:13:13 From Parent: Agree and same as Parent (16:11:25). Many didn't fill it out once they knew the core plan was to have kids returning to in-person learning. Thus, responses were likely skewed by those that wanted some type of distance learning.

16:16:00 From Parent: What's the total number of possible respondents?

16:16:26 From Polly Bove: roughly 10,000...

**Associate Superintendent of Student and Special Services Trudy Gross provided background on the LCAP and reviewed goals 1 and 2 (slides 6-8).**

**Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Employee Development and Instruction Tom Avvakumovits reviewed the bell schedule for the 2021-22 school year (slide 9).**

**Trudy reviewed LCAP goal 3 (slide 10).**

**Tom provided information about advisories during 2020-21 and plan for the 2021-22 school year (slide 11).**

**Trudy reviewed LCAP goal 4 (slide 12) and then introduced each speaker sharing highlights from the focus groups held during the May 13 meeting (slide 13).**

16:29:03 From Jason Crutchfield to Everyone : Next year, all brunch and lunch meals will still be free of charge to all students, but we will return to a normal service style with 5-7 fresh options daily.

16:29:26 From Teacher: AWESOME

16:29:54 From Parent: wow that's really nice of the district to provide but definitely not necessary for most families. Perhaps it should be reserved for those families who really need it.

16:30:24 From Jason Crutchfield to Everyone : It is a Federal and State mandate for Universal free meals.

16:32:58 From Principal: Having it available for everyone removes some of the stigma that students might feel for needing to receive it. When everyone is getting it, nobody stands out!

16:35:32 From Another Principal: I really appreciate about that!

16:36:47 From Parent: Principal's comment is the reason parents (in the focus group) said they'd like the free lunch to continue. If available to all, no stigma, and students have an easy socialization opportunity.

16:38:40 From Principal: LHS students really appreciated the free lunch option. I am glad it will continue.

16:30:29 From Parent: I read just today in NYT that the federal gov't has made it legal for schools to require students and staff to be COVID-vaccinated.

16:31:04 From Polly Bove: We have not heard this. Feel free to forward the article to me.

16:32:17 From Student: There was a case made when it came to vaccinations, they cannot make it a mandate unless the vaccine is fully FDA approval. Currently, the vaccines are in the "emergency approval" so it would not make sense from a legal perspective to mandate it.

16:35:24 From Parent: I think this would be a very bad idea to require students to be vaccinated. The scope for this discussion is far larger than a Zoom chat box could allow, but involves aspects like medical privacy, parent choice, and analysis of risks and tradeoffs for a naturally low risk group.

**Trudy wrapped up information about the LCAP with details on the timeline (slide 14).**

**Polly thanked the members for their attendance and participation. She took input regarding the timing of our next meeting and the outcome is that a meeting will be scheduled for August, prior to the start of the school year (slide 15).**

16:37:36 From Parent: So happy for a normal in person school year for 21-22! My freshman will finally feel like a high schooler!

16:40:10 From Parent: Thank you so much Polly!

16:40:13 From Teacher: Thank you! Have a great summer.