



SY21-22 Planning Update

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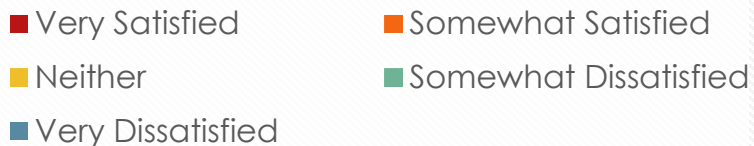
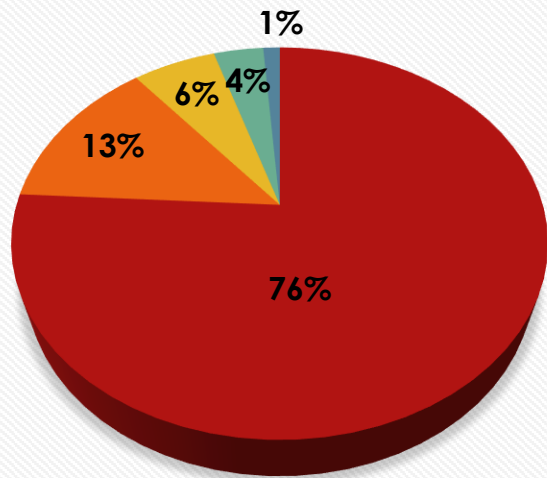
SY21-22 Educational Services Planning Update

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Parent Satisfaction Survey – SY20-21

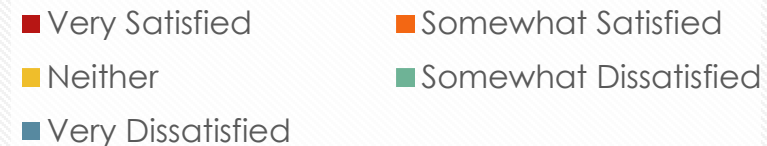
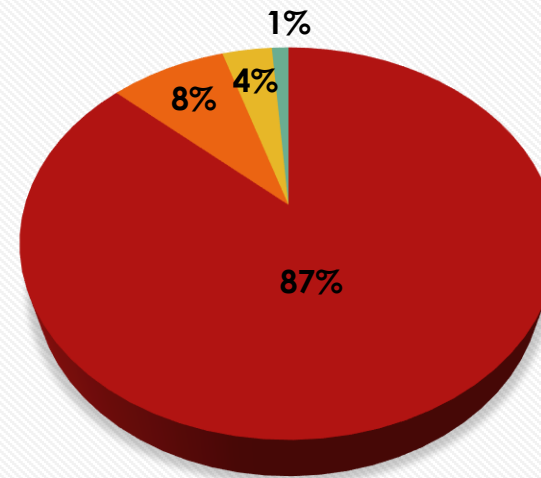
SY20-21 Educational Services

Overall Satisfaction



SY20-21 Communications

Overall Satisfaction



Return to Regular School Schedules

- ▶ First Day of School for K-8 is August 25
- ▶ First Day of School for Preschool is August 26
- ▶ Normal hours of operation for Palos East & Palos West
 - ❖ 8:55 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- ▶ Normal hours of operation for Palos South
 - ❖ 8:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
 - ❖ Zero Hour will run from 7:29 a.m. to 8:12 a.m.
 - ❖ Activity buses reinstated for after school programs
- ▶ Late Start Wednesday for all schools starting September 1 (30 mins.)

Full Day Kindergarten and Ivy League

- ▶ Tuition based full-day kindergarten program will be offered.
- ▶ Free half-day kindergarten program will be available to all.
 - ❖ Full-Day Kindergarten hours are 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - ❖ AM Kindergarten hours are 9:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 - ❖ PM Kindergarten hours are 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ▶ Ivy League Before & After School programs will be offered at both elementary schools onsite.

Student Movements

- ▶ Palos South students will switch classes at the beginning of the school year.
- ▶ Palos East and Palos West students will switch classes for specials, intervention services, math enrichment and ALPS at identified grades.
- ▶ Media Centers will be open.
- ▶ Cubbies and lockers will be utilized next school year.

Lunch & Recess

- ▶ Lunch program and recess will be reinstated next school year.
- ▶ Lunches may be served in lunchrooms and/other large areas.
- ▶ Due to the continued expansion of enhanced NSLP benefits, lunches will be offered to all students at no cost to families.
- ▶ Playgrounds will be open at Palos East and Palos West.

Fine Arts & Athletics

- ▶ Elementary and Middle School Band will be reinstated.
- ▶ Middle school Drama and after school extracurricular activities will be reinstated.
- ▶ SWIC competitive sports will resume next school year.

Transitioning All Students to In-Person

- ▶ Additional sections have been added to reduce class size to accommodate all students returning to in-person learning.
- ▶ All schools will have two social workers to assist transitioning students.
- ▶ Joint Principal Advisory Council met to make recommendations for transitioning students back to in-person.
- ▶ A final plan is being developed with input from parents, teachers, social workers, middle school guidance counselor, administrators and mental health professionals.

Transitioning All Students to In-Person

- ▶ Staff professional development on trauma informed practices.
- ▶ Tier support for students:
 - ▶ School visits prior to the start of school year
 - ▶ Rhithm emotional check-in app
 - ▶ Lunch bunch groups & peer buddy systems
 - ▶ Transition plans to meet individual needs
- ▶ Solicit suggestions from remote families via survey.



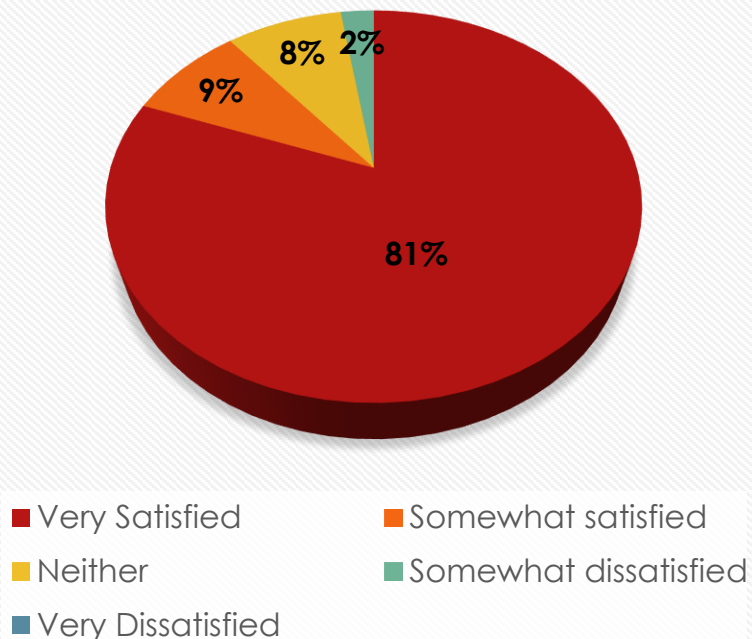
SY21-22 Safety Plan Update

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Parent Satisfaction Survey & Key COVID-19 Stats (SY20-21)

Safety Plan

Overall Satisfaction



Key COVID-19 Stats

- ❖ 76 Confirmed Positive Elementary Students
- ❖ 67 Confirmed Positive Middle School Students
- ❖ 34 Confirmed Positive Staff Members
- ❖ 0 Confirmed Known Transmission
- ❖ 0 Known Student Hospitalizations
- ❖ 2 Known Staff Hospitalizations
- ❖ Prevalent Household Transmission

Current Public Health Mandates

5 Current Mandates for SY21-22 (Subject to Change)

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1. Face masks are required for all students, staff and visitors.

- ▶ Governor's Executive Order 2020-47 (June 1, 2021)
- ▶ Regardless of vaccination status

2. Social distancing of 3 ft. with masks and 6 ft. without masks.

- ▶ Mask can be removed when eating and outside.
- ▶ Regardless of vaccination status

Current Public Health Mandates

3. Contact tracing and quarantines for positive cases and unvaccinated close contacts.
 - ▶ Vaccinated close contacts are no longer required to quarantine.
4. Increased school-wide cleaning and disinfecting.
5. Promotion and adherence to handwashing.

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What is NOT Mandated for SY21-22

1. COVID-19 vaccinations
2. Remote learning programs (except for students ineligible to receive a vaccination AND under quarantine by a local health department)

Changes for SY21-22 based on current guidance and COVID stats.

1. No temperature checks upon arrival at school.
 - No longer recommended by IDPH.
2. No daily Symptom Check Self Certification forms (yellow).
 - Parents will continue to monitor student health and be required to keep symptomatic students at home.
3. No middle school student cohorts (“pods”).
 - Surrounding middle schools have switched classes without incident.
4. Allowing the use of shared materials/equipment.
 - Risk is generally low from contact with contaminated surface (CDC). Hand hygiene is an appropriate mitigation strategy.

Changes for SY21-22 based on current guidance and COVID stats.

5. Discontinue whole class quarantines.

- No students quarantined as close contacts reported a positive COVID-19 diagnosis as a result of classroom transmission.
- Only close contacts as defined by IDPH will be quarantined.
- Quarantined students will have the opportunity to check-in with classroom teacher(s) daily during quarantine.
- We anticipate significantly fewer quarantines and continue to explore how to best support quarantined students.

Big Unknowns for SY21-22

- **Changes to current 5 public health mandates.**
- **IDPH Exclusion Mandates**
 - Definition of Close Contact
 - ❖ 6 ft. vs. 3 ft.?
 - Quarantine Duration
 - ❖ From 14 days to 10 days to ?
 - Quarantine Support
 - ❖ Mandated support for students under quarantine?

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Will students be required to wear a face mask next school year?

Answer:

A mask mandate for students and staff remains in effect for SY21-22 but is subject to change.

Question:

Will Palos South students be switching classes next year?

Answer:

Yes, Palos South students will begin the school year switching classes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Will next school year be full days?

Answer:

Yes. We will return to full days next school year.

Question:

Does the school district have a plan for transitioning all students back to in-person instruction?

Answer:

Yes. A robust plan is being developed with input from parents, teachers, social workers, middle school guidance counselor, administrators and mental health professionals.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Does my child need to be vaccinated in order to attend in-person instruction?

Answer:

No. All students will be returning to in-person instruction regardless of vaccination status.

Question:

If my child has a medical condition, can he/she enroll in a remote learning program next school year?

Answer:

If you are concerned about in-person learning based on your child's medical condition, please contact the Student Services Department at 708-761-5807.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Will lunch be served daily?

Answer:

Due to the extension of expanded NSLP benefits, boxed lunches will be provided at no charge.

Question:

Will in-person sports, extracurricular activities and band return next year?

Answer:

Yes

Questions?

