



FENTON CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to climbing new heights together! Fenton is in the midst of final preparations to reopen our schools for full-day instruction. I want to acknowledge the exceptional work our children, staff, and parents have done over the past two years to overcome the many obstacles from COVID-19. Despite the challenges our community faced, we have been able to work together in unity to support, educate, and empower one another.

We are now entering the third school year impacted by COVID-19. It is incredible to think that our children have been impacted by COVID-19 for three school years. For those of you that have concerns over your child returning to school for in-person instruction, I want to assure you that our classrooms are one of the safest places your child can be as we recover from the pandemic. Fenton has conducted COVID-19 tests for all staff and students since we reopened our schools in April. Among the 22,638 COVID-19 tests conducted, we have experienced no community spread across our schools. Each Fenton school operates an extremely safe campus to ensure the health of our students and staff.

Fenton Preparations

We have been honing our skills to provide our children with a world class education as we embrace full day in-person instruction. We have been studying, researching, and planning for reopening based on recovery instructional models locally and across the world. We have the tools and resources to safely reopen our schools and meet the dynamic needs of your child.

In addition to following safety protocols by the CDC and LA County Department of Public Health, Fenton has used our collective skills and experience to provide superior safety to our classrooms. Each Fenton classroom will be equipped with the latest technology and software to individualize instruction. Air filtration has been upgraded with MERV-13 filters and a premiere hospital room grade air purifier is in every classroom. We have hired a significant number of teachers to reduce class size to ensure social distancing norms for the safety of our students and staff.

iPads for All Students

All Fenton students and teachers will have individual iPads with access to hundreds of Apps. Our schools have been upgraded with charging and cleaning stations to support and maintain the high level of technology use in our classrooms.

Face Coverings Will Be Required Indoors (On-Campus)

All staff and students will be required to wear a mask indoors. No matter the person's vaccination status, CDPH requires mandatory face coverings for all Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) students and adults on K-12 schools/campuses when sharing indoor spaces with students.

- The mask can be a cloth mask, disposable paper, or double-layered gator. Please see CDC guidelines regarding acceptable facemasks. We will have disposable masks available;
- Currently, masks will not be required outdoors, during recess, lunch, and psychomotor.

Screening Prior to School Reentry

Fenton has had no community spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. We fully expect to continue this trend by testing all students for COVID-19 prior to reentry and following our COVID-19 screening on a daily basis.

- All staff and students will be screened for COVID-19 prior to the first day of school. Check with your school on the details of COVID-19 screening for your child;
- COVID-19 testing will take place on a weekly basis at all Fenton schools;
- All individuals will be screened before entering any Fenton facility;
- Individuals should stay home if they have had any symptoms related to COVID-19 within the past 10 days, which include flu-like symptoms such as fever, coughing or shortness of breath, chills, muscle or body pain, fatigue, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose, a new loss of taste or smell, or if they are subject to quarantine due to being in close contact with someone currently having COVID.

Sanitization

All classrooms, offices, and common areas will continue to be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. Classrooms will be provided hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment. Our cleaning and sanitization teams have been trained in the necessary cleaning and sanitization protocols.

Air Filtration

Fenton follows The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) standards for air quality. Fenton uses the highest-grade filters compatible with our HVAC systems (MERV-13 Filters). ASHRAE recommends keeping CO2 levels indoors between 800 and 1,100 parts per million (ppm) while operating in a COVID environment. Fenton consistently maintains levels below the ASHRAE recommendations. MERV-13 Filters have all been checked and replaced during the summer. In addition, a premiere hospital room grade air purifier has been placed in every classroom.

Virtual Options

Due to the expiration of SB 98, all schools in California are unable to provide a distance learning model of instruction in the manner that was available last year. Families that are interested in remote instruction this year are able to have their child participate in an Independent Study program (AB 130). All Fenton students participating in an Independent Study program will have daily live "synchronous" instruction for at least 30 minutes a day with their Fenton teacher. The majority of Independent Study work will be completed independently with students watching recorded lessons and completing assignments and activities through a 3rd party vendor, Edgenuity. Edgenuity is a leading provider of K-12 online curriculum for Independent Studies. Students will be able to participate in live chats and seek assistance during designated office hours, but the majority of work will be done independently. Please keep in mind, if you decide to keep your child at home this school year, this will be the third year that your child will be away from the classroom. Click here or contact your child's school for more information related to Independent Studies.

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Meals

Fenton will continue to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students on campus. Students will be able to eat with their peers.

Fenton hopes to offer you a glimpse into the future that is brighter than the dark days we have faced. We walk alongside you in your dreams and ambitions for your child. Fenton is tenacious in our attempts to offer your child a safe and state of the art education. Follow us on Instagram @fentoncharter for frequent updates.

Sincerely,



David Riddick, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer