

AUSD and AEA Ratify MOU on Re-Opening Secondary Schools

Alameda, Calif. — Friday, April 9 — The Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) and the Alameda Education Association (AEA) have now ratified a Memorandum of Understanding for re-opening secondary schools for in-person hybrid instruction.

The MOU outlines the safety precautions that need to be taken before secondary staff and students can return to campus this month, including daily health screenings for all employees and students, COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, handwashing and/or sanitizing equipment and supplies, cleaning and disinfection, directional and distancing signs, and upgraded ventilation and air filtering in school buildings.

AUSD and AEA (which represents teachers, nurses, speech and language pathologists, and counselors) ratified a similar MOU on reopening elementary schools last month.

Both MOUs apply to the remainder of this school year (2020-21). Negotiations about the fall program began this week; on April 5 AUSD Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi and AEA President Judith Klinger released [a joint statement](#) committing to “the goal of a safe, comprehensive reopening of all K-12 campuses on August 16.”

AUSD and CSEA-27 (which represents office/technical workers and paraprofessionals) have also ratified MOUs for re-opening.

AUSD began procuring safety supplies and developing safety protocols, all of which are aligned with public health guidance and mandates, last summer. The measures are detailed in the [AUSD COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) and summarized in Superintendent Scuderi’s [Safety Briefing for Staff](#).