

# Board Meeting 9/9/2021

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Ponderosa Parent

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What is the agenda item(s) you would like to discuss?(To comment during the meeting, you must first register to gain access to the meeting.)

Covid Safety protocols

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### Comments:

With the surge in cases and the latest Delta variant, is it possible to have stricter safety protocols at school to protect the kids? Specifically could the district require desks to be spaced at least 3 ft apart? Also, can all close contacts be required to stay at home until they can produce a negative Covid test, regardless of symptoms? Finally, can close contacts of siblings also be notified of positive cases? I'm not advocating close contacts of siblings have to quarantine. I'd just like the information so I can make an informed decision for my child who may be in the same class as a sibling of someone who was in close contact.

Thank you.

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Covid Cases and Safety for Children

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### Comments:

Thank you Dr. Moore for implementing district-wide pooled covid testing for students and staff. Because it will require families' consent, will the district follow-up/push families who have not consented to participate? Once the testing program begins, will we know how many have consented in my child's class? If a portion of the group will not participate, it'll make your efforts to control the covid situation illegitimate.

I also have deep concerns with cases on campus, contact tracing, and close contact protocols. There has been more than a handful of cases on campus since school reopening (And I whole-heartedly wish the people tested positive are not suffering.), and it has been quite a mental roller coaster even though my child was not deemed as close contact, but I feel like that day will come. Because there has been cases on campus, I have taken my child tested for covid 3 times, and we have never been tested for covid since the beginning of the pandemic. How close contact is defined and how close contacts can still go to school without quarantine are not scientific at all. Siblings of close contacts are not considered close contacts, and asymptomatic close contact students can still be on campus interacting with the rest of the school. We all know that this is not how covid transmission works, especially the Delta variant. We need school nurses who can do proper contact tracing and observe/make scientific recommendations to keep other students safe.

Although social distancing is lifted, we all know since the beginning of the pandemic that social distancing is one of the key methods to keep covid under control besides proper masking and hand-washing. We need to implement social distancing among students as much as we can, especially during lunch and in classrooms. Desks should be spaced apart as much as possible, not placed together side-by-side. Just masking might not be enough.

With so many cases since school reopening, it is irresponsible for the District to say that positive cases were expected and that what families do outside of school is consequential to what has been happening. We need a backup plan like distance learning, when there are more cases and close contacts in classes/on campus. How many cases do we need to be considered an outbreak?

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Community member

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Vaccine mandate for eligible people

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Comments:

Covid vaccination should be mandated for all eligible staff AND students. This is a public health matter, not a personal choice.

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Elementary School Parent

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Protect Our Children

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### Comments:

I appreciate the school district already has some layers of protection in place, but more needs to be done as cases in schools are rising. I was mildly offended when fingers were pointed at families' habits are to blame for the cases. Although this may be true, this is unfair to families like ours who have been diligent about our lifestyle. We have been trying so hard to stay healthy, so I feel like the school district needs to do more keep us safe. Families need to be pressured to sign the consent for school-wide testing. Older students need to be vaccinated. Close contacts need to be quarantined and not be in school. Close contacts' siblings and their contacts need to be notified. A more robust contact tracing needs to be implemented. Please have a virtual learning platform ready as a backup in case of a shutdown for an outbreak. Thank you for your time.

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Name:

anonymous

Address/Affiliation:

teacher

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### Comments:

Middle school and high school students need to eat breakfast. Some students have come up to me, saying that the last time they ate was 4 pm the day before. Kids need to eat. Please find a way to make serving breakfast more attractive for community members, or add serving breakfast to someone's duties. Making nutrition services more attractive in terms of pay could increase the number of interested applicants. This in turn could help our families, many of whom may have lost jobs and might need more flexible schedules with kids entering and exiting quarantine regularly. Please find a way to make sure our students eat, or start giving school staff student snack stipends so we can feed them.

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Covid Testing Policy

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#### Comments:

I am glad that the schools will begin to routinely test students by pooled testing. I appreciate the school district is recognizing that masking and testing will help mitigate the covid spread. However, it worries me to think that some families will not consent to the pooled testing and students who have had covid in the past 90 days may not participate. Can you make it a policy to test all students via pooled testing or an alternative for non-participants to routinely provide negative test results from their testing site of choice? Thank you.

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Teacher

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Comments:

The district is offering Covid testing for students DURING the school day. Another thing that falls on the teachers, and the district refuses to give teachers a salary increase during this pandemic. This is just plain agonizing at this point.

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Mercedes Taylor

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Alta Loma Middle School

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Staff compensation

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### Comments:

As teachers, it is in our nature to do whatever we can to help our students. Some of us work extra hours tirelessly, no matter how many times we promise ourselves that we will limit the time that we are working once we get home. With that being said, we need to be compensated better. Teachers flipped their whole knowledge base to provide quality learning during a global pandemic, and the only thank you we got from the district was a swag bag, and reassurance that we are "superheroes." Thanks for the appreciation, but what would be more meaningful is MONEY. The pandemic was rough on all of us, and it continues to be as we struggle to keep students caught up as more and more have to miss class because they have either been exposed to or contracted COVID. Even though we voted against a hybrid model, we are still having to do a watered down version as kids start to miss more and more school. We are losing teachers year after year because many of us simply can't afford to be a teacher anymore and the demands become greater and greater. Our salaries trend lower than neighboring districts, and that's why we have lost teachers to those districts. We also do not have any additional salary scale options for those of us who have or are working on doctoral degrees. Please look over the district budget and compensate teachers for their hard work! Not only do we deserve a bonus for our work during the pandemic, but we deserve an overall raise! There is plenty of money in the budget for this, so please direct the money where it belongs- to the teachers.

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Substitute shortage  
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Can we reach out to parents about becoming "sub certified"? Could the district help support parents with this?  
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Helen Tam

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Parkway Heights Middle School

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Public Comment- Bring back breakfast

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### Comments:

Good evening to the school board and members of our community. It is great this year that our students will be receiving free school lunches. However, we now do not have breakfast due to low staffing. This is resulting in a lot of hungry students who relied on being able to get a simple bagel or cereal in the morning. We have students who are having a hard time focusing in class because they are hungry, and teachers are trying to supply students with food from their personal funds. I urge the district to please work on hiring people who can feed our students, increasing their pay so that it can be competitive with other jobs. Lack of staffing should not have to be at the expense of the children. Thank you.

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Mrs. Carlino

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Martin Elementary

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Is it possible to get our ELD TOSA back at Title I schools that have a large number of Second-Language Scholars? I know we want to create equality, but I think our focus should be on EQUITY for our bilingual scholars.

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Comments:

I am keeping this private for you to consider rather than sharing it in a public forum. THANK YOU for ALL that YOU DO!

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