

## Thursday Update, February 11, 2021

Good afternoon Sulphur Springs Families. This is Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi, your Superintendent with a Thursday Update, February 11, 2021.

During last night's Board meeting, I presented the latest information from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health regarding the status of our TK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reopening on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health held a special meeting for educators on February 9<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, it was released that K-12 schools in California counties that are in Tier one (Purple Widespread) of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, including LA County, are **prohibited** from reopening for in-person instruction while the adjusted daily case rate remains above 25 per 100,000. The exception to this Protocol is that districts are able to provide instruction to a defined subgroup of students that need in-person instruction, services, and supports.

Even though our District's waivers have been approved to reopen, we are **not permitted** to reopen until the adjusted case rate for LA County has decreased to below 25 cases per 100,000 population for 5 consecutive days. On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the case rate for LA County was 31.7 per 100,000.

Today, during the Superintendent meeting with LA County Department of Public Health, we learned that districts will not be required to complete a 'Safety Review' form from the CA Department of Public Health. Again, in order to reopen, districts only need to wait until the **case rate is less than 25 per 100,000 for 5 consecutive days before they can reopen their programs.**

The LA County also stated that if the case rate is **less than 25 per 100,000 for 5 consecutive days**, districts will be able to reopen their **TK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade programs.** With this new information, we will plan to **reopen our TK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade through a staggered approach, tentatively starting on March 1st.** Again, this is **dependent** upon the case rate in Los Angeles County.

I have also included in this Update my presentation that I presented at the Board Meeting last night. In the presentation, I have included a timeline to

show the amount of times that our District has tried to reopen and has been delayed by either the State and/or the County regulations. Please take the time to read the presentation since it will provide you additional information about what our District has been required to complete to try to re-open our general education programs.

As a reminder, transportation will not be provided for the general education student population as was done in the past, except for a specific population. Students that are in this specific population have already been contacted from transportation for grades TK through second. Transportation Department will begin to contact students in grades 3 through 6 that are in this specific population to discuss transportation needs.

Thank you again for taking the time to listen to these Updates and for taking the time to read the attached presentation from last night's Board meeting. Please know that the Board meeting is also recorded, and you can view it by going to our District website where you can listen to the conversations from our Board of Trustees.

Always know that we are here to support you and your family, and I will continue to provide additional updates as needed so that you have the newest information at all times.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you.