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Agenda Item 8.2

Board of Education Action Item
March 31, 2021

Topic:
Consideration School Reopening Plan to Provide In-person Instruction

Background:
Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are required to adopt a plan to provide in-person instruction and to publicly post its COVID-19 Safety Plan on or before March 31, 2021. The staff has worked diligently with stakeholders and changing guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Education (CDE), Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH), and Cal/OSHA to create a re-opening plan and Guidance Checklist.

LEAs are required to post publicly on their website their 2019 COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist. This Checklist was posted on the website on March 23, 2021. The checklist was also submitted to Dr. Simon Paul, Madera County Department of Public Health Medical Officer for Review. Dr. Paul approved the plan on March 22, 2021. As of March 23, Madera County had met the criteria set forth by the State of California to enter the "Red Tier" and it is anticipated that Madera County will exit the "Purple Tier" on March 30, 2021, after the two-week stability requirement is met. In order to address all possible contingencies related to tier status, MCSOS will forward the plan to the State Safe Schools Team as required by counties that are classified in the "Purple Tier".

Dr. Paul has clarified with CDPH that modifications to the Checklist may be made in alignment with the new guidance provided on March 20, 2021, by updating the checklist and posting it on the MCSOS website without resubmission to the MCDPH or CDPH. For example, the current guidance for distancing is 3 feet for students. Once we have had the opportunity to have students in session and evaluate the safety and functionality of the distancing requirements the checklist may be modified. Currently most classroom settings in the Regional Programs operated by the Madera County Superintendent of School (MCSOS) have 8 to 13 students and adequate space in a classroom for 6 feet of distancing.

Trainings on School Guidance Checklist, cleaning and safety protocols have been provided for staff and parents. The parent trainings have been recorded in English and Spanish and are available.

Other Materials that have been developed and are available upon request are:

- COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist
- MCSOS Spring 2021 Reopening & Return to In-person Instruction Frequently Asked Questions
- COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist Overview & Input trainings
- Instruction in the COVID Age In-Person Instructional Protocols

Financial Impact:
Impact related to return budgeted or covered by grant funds.

Resource:
Tricia Protzman
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Recommendation:
It is recommended the Board adopt the MCSOS Sprint 2021 School Reopening Plan to Provide In-Person Instruction.