

Gilroy Unified School District Planning Process for Fall 2020

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Countywide Planning

- Countywide planning for the Fall 2020 began with the superintendents in Santa Clara County
- Superintendents participated in four facilitated planning sessions with Dr. Dewan and the Glen Price group
- The superintendents reached agreements about how districts would approach the planning process

GUSD Planning Committee Formation

- In early May, the GUSD Fall 2020 Planning Committee was formed
- The Committee is comprised of 30 members with 3-5 members from each of the bargaining units, 4 principals, Cabinet and a board member
- Three subcommittees were formed – Health & Wellness, Teaching & Learning, and Operations
- The Planning Committee has met three times and subcommittees have met 3-4 times

Fall 2020 Scenarios

- All districts in the county are studying and discussing three possible scenarios for Fall 2020;
 - 1) Full distance learning
 - 2) Hybrid model – combination of part of the week in school learning/distance learning at home
 - 3) Full Reopening
- The planning Committee is focused on Options (1) and (2).
- The Committee has also discussed offering the distance learning model for families that do not wish to send their children to school in the fall due to concerns about COVID19.

Stakeholder Input

- All stakeholder groups were asked to completed surveys – certificated staff, classified staff, parents and students (grades 5 and up).
- There was a high response rate – 3,400 parents, 400 certificated staff, 219 classified staff and 3,400 students
- There were thousands of written responses. The Teaching and Learning subcommittee is studying these responses at this time.
- Additionally, parent focus groups will be scheduled (virtually) to gather more input from parents.

Documents Guiding the Work of the Committee

Three planning documents are being utilized by the Planning Committee;

- CDC: Consideration for Schools (federal)
- CDE – Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California Public Schools (state)
- SCCOE Stronger Together: Recovery and Reopening Document (county)

When Will a Decision Be Made About Fall 2020

- The Public Health Department has indicated that they will provide written direction to districts by the end of June-early July regarding the fall 2020 for public schools.
- Once this direction is received, the Planning Committee will meet and finalize plans for the fall.
- Communications with staff, parents and students will follow and will include; emails, social media, letters, and videos.