

# HCS D Friday Newsletter!

6/19/2020 Update

Return to School Models June 19, 2020



## Important Parent Survey

Dear Parents,

Please review the video shared above regarding models for returning to school in the fall and then [complete this linked survey](#) by Tuesday, June 23rd.

Thank you,  
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Louann Carlomagno, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Dr. Scott Morrow Statement from June 15, 2020 - Please Read**

Dr. Morrow's latest statement can be found via this link:

<https://www.smchealth.org/health-officer-orders-and-statements>

Of great importance to us and our work in returning to school are these direct quotes from Dr. Morrow's latest statement:

- *Let me clearly state, I want to see kids back in school.*
- *It is very important that kids be allowed to be kids.*
- *So to the degree that the pillars interfere with these needs, they need to be modified. The pillars are not inviolable constructs.*
- *Smaller class sizes are better than larger, outdoor settings are better than indoor ones, 10 feet of distancing is better than 6 feet is better than 3 feet.*
- *To the degree class size, physical distancing, and facial coverings interfere with the ability to deliver a somewhat normal school experience, they need to be modified.*

## Pandemic Recovery Framework from the San Mateo County Office of Education

The San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), along with the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, released today the [Pandemic Recovery Framework for Schools](#). The Framework provides school leaders with health, education, and legal guidance needed to develop their own local plans for a safe return to on-campus instruction and learning.



The Framework is founded on Four Pillars essential to creating and sustaining the safest, most healthy environment for students and staff and to prevent the spread of communicable disease. These pillars include:

- **Health and Hygiene** - practicing daily hygiene routines, conducting daily health screenings, including temperature taking, providing essential protective equipment (EPE), and conducting effective cleaning routines.
- **Face Coverings** - based on extensive research, face coverings are essential to stem the spread of COVID-19 and are required for everyone on campus from kindergarten students to staff, except those, who for medical reasons, cannot wear one. Schools will provide information and guidelines on face coverings.
- **Physical Distancing** - is another critical element to limiting the spread of contagious disease, including COVID19. Schools will employ strategies for limiting the number of people in any space, which may include alternative schedules for students, rearranging classrooms, using outdoor spaces for classrooms, and limiting the use of common areas on campus.
- **Limiting Gatherings** - addresses the need to limit in-person meetings and group events that occur outside of the instructional setting. Teachers and students convening for learning is an essential activity and does not constitute a gathering. Activities outside of the instructional setting should be conducted remotely, postponed or otherwise restructured.

The Framework also calls for an incremental but steady approach to reopening schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Although schools typically provide much more than academic instruction, a key goal for the 2020-21 school year is to maximize instructional time and provide high-quality academic intervention and support.

The Framework and its accompanying documents, an FAQ, and additional resources for school administrators, teachers, and families will continue to be developed and updated and can be found on [SMCOE's website](#).

## Success and Some Technical Difficulties: Parent Zoom Meeting Debrief!

Our goal for the parent meeting this week was focused on hearing from our parents, with answers to the following two questions:

1. What is most important to you as you think about returning to school in the fall?
2. What advice do you have for us as we strive to balance health and safety, social-emotional well-being, and academic progress?



We were excited to utilize the breakout room functionality of Zoom to enable small group discussions so we increased our license to allow for 1,000 Zoom Meeting participants. From the Zoom website, we interpreted that we could support 50 rooms divided by the number of participants up to 1,000, with the room size limited only by our license capacity. But as we discovered last night, that is not the case. In hindsight, we could have lessened the number of Breakout rooms to accommodate the large number of participants we had, but the number of people per room would have been less than ideal for these types of conversations.

We spoke to our Zoom representative this morning and he admitted that the website is not very clear on this limit, nor does the app give any sort of error or warning. So, now we know (and Zoom has given us a credit on our license)!

Fortunately, we also engaged with a crowd sourcing provider, Thoughtexchange, and we were able to gather parent feedback live! Some of that feedback was shared in the video shared via this newsletter. It was a fascinating process that provided helpful feedback.

We thank all parents in the meeting for your patience and understanding! We, too, are learners!

## HCSD Board Meeting / Tuesday, June 23rd at 9:00 am

Connecting to the Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85360770966?pwd=N2FUVUpsZ0t6RGYvM205M0QxNE9rQT09>

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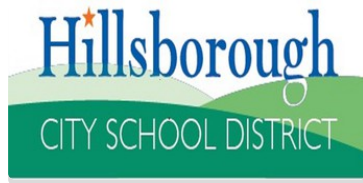
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***If you would like to ask a question or comment during to the open session portion of the Board meeting:*** Members of the public can join the meeting via Zoom and will have an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments during the appropriate time in the meeting.

Meeting Agendas can be found by clicking [HERE](#). The agenda for the June 23rd meeting will be posted on Saturday, June 20th.





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