



# KLSD Return to School Plans 2021-22 - Update

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

# Goals for 2021-22 School Year

- ▶ All students, in-person, every day
  - ▶ We will start the year with the same start/end school times as we had last year. We will watch traffic patterns and bus-ridership. if we can return to regular start/end times, we will do so ASAP.
  - ▶ Maintain safety with layered mitigation strategies based on current guidance
- ▶ In-person learning experiences and other in-person school activities that 1) foster student engagement and 2) promote the health and well-being of all students

# Tonight's agenda:

- ▶ NYS Guidance Update
- ▶ Review KLSD Administrative Recommendations
- ▶ Review Community Feedback and Questions
- ▶ Ask for additional questions from BOE
- ▶ Recommend Adoption of Plans

# Guidance Update – NYS Mask Mandate:

► August 27 – NYSDOH announcement:

Effective immediately ... any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in P-12 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. People with medical or developmental conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask may be exempted from mask requirements, as documented by a medical provider. People do not need to wear masks when eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument ...



# KLSD Recommendations

Summary on following slides.

For more detail, please see our BOE presentation from 8/19/21 – available on KLSD website.

# No changes from 8/19 Presentation

- ▶ Remote Learning not offered as a standard option for all
- ▶ Medically Fragile Students – Families should contact school principal for individual evaluation – documentation will be necessary. Homes that include other immunocompromised family members (not the student) are a more complicated question that we're exploring.
- ▶ Quarantine following exposure to a positive case at school will not be required if appropriate masking & distancing is in place and for those who are fully vaccinated
- ▶ Masks required indoors; Masks optional outdoors
- ▶ Distancing – Goal of 3-foot minimum and 6-foot when possible

# No changes from 8/19 Presentation (Cont.)

- ▶ Daily Health Screener no longer required – regular reminders about when and why to stay home
- ▶ KLSD currently working with testing vendor to determine protocols for weekly screening testing. It will require consent (not mandated). More details will be provided ASAP.
- ▶ Vaccinations – KLSD will be asking for voluntary submission of vaccination status from all staff and students who are eligible for vaccine.
- ▶ KLSD will continue working with local and state DOH's around contact tracing. Community will be notified of positive cases by school.

# No changes from 8/19 Presentation (Cont.)

- ▶ Extracurricular activities, including sports, will be provided in-person, following all the same mitigation strategies.
- ▶ Visitors will be limited, but welcomed in some circumstances.
- ▶ Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue.
- ▶ Cleaning and disinfecting will occur at least once a day.
- ▶ All ventilation continues to be monitored and serviced so that it is working to its highest specification as designed
- ▶ Appropriate PPE (including masks) will continue to be available to all students and staff at school.



# Learning When Isolated/Quarantined

- ▶ KLSD takes seriously its commitment to continue providing meaningful educational experiences for students who are required to isolate/quarantine either because they are COVID positive or due to contact with a COVID positive individual.
- ▶ The challenge is how best to provide this experience while not negatively impacting the in-person learning experience. We anticipate significantly smaller numbers of quarantined students this year.
- ▶ Currently studying options:
  - ▶ Assignments and lessons posted online
  - ▶ Additional staff to support students who are home
  - ▶ Conference time with classroom teacher
  - ▶ Zoom, in particular circumstances



# Feedback & Questions from Community

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APPROX. 272 FAMILIES

# Responses

- ▶ In general, much appreciation for the return to full in-person model and efforts to get as “close to normal” as possible; understanding of and in agreement with mitigation strategies (with some exceptions).
- ▶ Where there are concerns, they point to the tensions we’ve been speaking about for 18 months:
  - ▶ In-person for all, yet some still want a remote option.
  - ▶ Much appreciation for the removal of the daily screener, yet some think it should continue.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ What will lunch look like?
  - ▶ Every effort to achieve 6-foot distancing, outdoors will be an option whenever possible.
- ▶ How will recess work?
  - ▶ Grade levels will be together (classes will mix) and playground equipment will be available.
- ▶ CCC?
  - ▶ KLSD and CCC are working together and hope to bring the program back into the three elementary schools, ASAP.
- ▶ Lockers?
  - ▶ Will be in use.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- ▶ Before and After School Activities?
  - ▶ Clubs at Secondary Schools will be in-person. Will work with PTOs to determine possible activities at Elementary Schools.
- ▶ Can you share vaccine data?
  - ▶ We hope to share percentages of students and staff who are vaccinated, but cannot share information about individuals
- ▶ Can vaccinations be mandated?
  - ▶ As with all school required immunizations, this could only be done at the State level.
- ▶ Do you have information about travel restrictions?
  - ▶ Restrictions determined by NYS DOH. Not in effect for NYS at this time. Check NYS DOH website for updates
- ▶ Will students be given individual devices again?
  - ▶ Yes, though their use will likely be



Questions?