

## **Opening of Schools: 2021-2022**

First day of school: August 24<sup>th</sup>

July 19, 2021

Dear AADUSD Community,

With five weeks until the start of the 2021-2022 school year, we are excitedly working on plans and preparations to welcome back our students, staff, and families. As you begin to think about returning to school, here are some details about our reopening which may help to guide your family's planning.

California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year, 7/12/21:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XMJaOaxr8s\_CZNpvZyWkMgA8rSMS5A-Y/view?usp=sharing

Masks Required in all TK-12 Classrooms and Indoor Settings per California Department of Public Health.

Current State and local public health orders require all students and staff to wear masks when indoors regardless of a person's vaccination status. Please make sure your student has a clean and comfortable mask each day when they come to campus. Masks may be provided on campus if needed.

At Meadowlark, we will engage in mandated protocols to help classroom cohorts remain as contained as possible in case we have a positive case that requires the cohort to quarantine, we can limit the impacts to a single classroom group.

At High Desert and Vasquez, contact tracing for a positive case will be impactful, with the potential for 100+ close contacts with a single case (as our secondary students move from class to class throughout the instructional day). To minimize the disruption to your student's in-person learning experience in grades 5-12, it is essential that they wear masks.

A survey for families to request for Independent Study has been accessible this week. Please be sure to complete the survey as we are interested in knowing if you would be selecting Full Time In-Person Instruction or an Independent Study option for the 2021-2022 school year. Access to the survey will close in two weeks, 8/2/21. Families who do not complete the survey, AADUSD will place student(s) in full time in-person instruction in the fall. AADUSD is finalizing plans for the Independent Study Program and your school Principal will be reaching out to those families selecting Independent Study with more information by the second week of August.

Links to Survey:

## English version-

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdN8eIJnP4r9Vwv8Oo3oaFvkKuP\_zzCS2GMGpIcFGEM8-YGpQ/viewform?usp=sf\_link

Spanish version-

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfY1za31aRZDp4fOuXQJm4ufMeqMrZ9KlWdUoXKoK3nERly2g/viewform?usp=sf\_link

A top priority of AADUSD is the health and safety of all students, staff, and families. We look forward to a safe and successful 2021-2022 school year!

At your service,

Eric Sahakian, Ed.D. AADUSD Superintendent