

Update on In-Person Instruction at District and State Level

Lodi Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
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Attachments to Agenda Item

- Safety Plan based on Cal/OSHA and California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
 - Protocols/procedures
 - Operational information
 - References to supporting documents
- Timeline of Orders/Guidance

New State Grant (\$6.6 billion)

- Funds for starting in-person instruction
 - Start in-person instruction by April 1 – full funding
 - Loss of 1% for each day after April 1
 - Must start by May 15 to receive any funding
 - When in-person starts, must continue
 - Lodi USD allocation is approximately \$20 million
- Funds for extended learning
 - Lodi USD allocation is approximately \$9.4 million

Timeline for Offering In-Person Instruction

- March 29, 2021
 - All elementary grade students, all elementary schools
 - Grades 7-12 cohorts
 - Special Day Class students
 - High priority target groups
- Red Tier (*First in-person day after Red Tier designation*)
 - All 7-12 grade students, all 7-12 schools
 - Adult Education

Optional Distance Learning for Remainder of this School Year

Approximate Numbers

- Elementary: 3,200
- K-8: 240
- Middle School: 850
- High School: 2,240

Does not include Middle College High, Independence School, or Valley Robotics Academy

San Diego Decision

- Lawsuit filed on behalf of San Diego area students/parents against state of California, six school districts named
- Judge issued Temporary Restraining Order
 - Found components of state school guidance to be unconstitutional
 - Definition of an open school
 - Distinction between elementary and secondary students in terms of returning to school
 - 4 feet distancing requirement between students in class
 - Stable student groups
 - Has statewide implications
 - Preliminary injunction on April 1
- Recommend that Lodi Unified begins planning in case Order becomes permanent

Update: March 20, 2021

- Revised state guidance for schools
 - Distancing between students in class changed from 4 feet to 3 feet
 - Districts can offer in-person instruction to any grade level in any tier if the county adjusted case rate is less than 25 per 100,000 population per day. Operations must adhere to the school guidance
 - Guidance states districts should implement a phase-in approach
 - Safety Plan submission to county health officer and state safety team remains a requirement to start in the purple tier