



SAN MATEO- FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Update from Superintendent Rosas Friday, December 11, 2020

Hello Everyone,

District staff members have been working together to implement a Hybrid Model for in-person learning for elementary and SDC students with a target date of January 19, 2021. They have also been researching options for middle school in-person learning with a target date of February 2021. Linked here is the [Reopening Update](#) that was presented at the Board meeting on December 9.

As you know, San Mateo County, like most of California and the nation, is experiencing a significant surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. San Mateo County is now in the Purple Tier under Governor Newsom's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). With this in mind, after a review of the Reopening Update and considerable discussion, the Trustees determined that reopening in the Hybrid Model for elementary and SDC students should occur **after San Mateo County returns to the Red Tier**. The Trustees understand that once the County returns to the Red Tier there will be some number of days (not more than 2 weeks) needed for staff to finalize preparations for that return and for families to make arrangements for Hybrid Model enrollment.

In implementing this Board direction, please know that:

- **New class assignments for elementary and SDC students will be sent to families prior to winter break, although Elementary and SDC students will NOT change classes/teachers on January 19, 2021 as originally proposed.** Changes will take effect after San Mateo County returns to the Red Tier.
- **At this time, Elementary and SDC students will NOT return to school sites in the Hybrid Model on January 19, 2021.** The Hybrid Model will begin after San Mateo County returns to the Red Tier.
- **Preschool programs and Learning Hubs remain open in their stable cohorts.**

We will send further information as soon as we hear about a movement to the Red Tier.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees directed staff to continue to work on a Wednesday plan for middle school students and to also bring forth possible middle school Hybrid Models for Board consideration.

As always, we will continue to provide you with regular updates. We appreciate your continued patience as we navigate these difficult times.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joan Rosas
Superintendent