

July 8, 2020

Dear SCCS Families,

I hope that this message finds you and your family healthy and enjoying the summer break. Since school ended, staff have been working to prepare our school sites for reopening. We have assessed health and safety needs and are preparing our classrooms for reopening with new safety protocols in August.

Today, I am writing with an update on our school reopening plans. In May and June, district staff worked with stakeholders including parent representatives, student representatives, teachers, support staff, union leadership, principals and district leaders to develop a reopening plan that addresses different levels of restrictions that may be required to ensure student safety.

As of now, we anticipate that schools will reopen with “medium restrictions” in place. In “medium restrictions,” 50% of students are on campus at a time to allow for social distancing in classrooms. This means that students will attend school two days a week and participate in distance learning three days a week. Students will be in contact with their teachers daily whether they are participating in distance learning or in-class instruction. You can read the Reopening Plan at this link [SCCS School Reopening Plan](#). Please know that our level of restrictions may change at any time. The Reopening Plan has a continuum of scenarios based on the likelihood that we may have more or fewer restrictions at any time given the status of the virus in our community.

Next week, we will be sending home another survey to find out if you plan to send your child to school under “medium restrictions” or if your family is choosing another option provided by the district. State legislation encourages schools to open if they can meet safety guidelines set out by the Center for Disease Control, California Department of Education and County Health. Legislation also allows for families to choose 100% distance learning for students who are medically fragile, for students who could put someone at risk, or for students who are self-quarantining due to COVID-19 exposure. ***You can find more information on district educational options for your child on the district website at [www.sccs.net](http://www.sccs.net).***

Please look for an update from all of the County Superintendents tomorrow on school reopening across Santa Cruz County and watch for our district survey early next week.

Best regards,

Kris Munro  
Superintendent