

# Superintendent's Update

Board of Education Meeting

August 31, 2021

Meeting No. 4



*Excelling Together with Endless Pathways for Success!*

# Glendale Unified Restorative Restart: The Path Towards Reimagining and Rebuilding Schools



Understand Whole Child Needs.



Center Relationships Among Students, Educators and Families.



Strengthen Staffing to Address Student's Individualized Learning and Mental Health Needs.

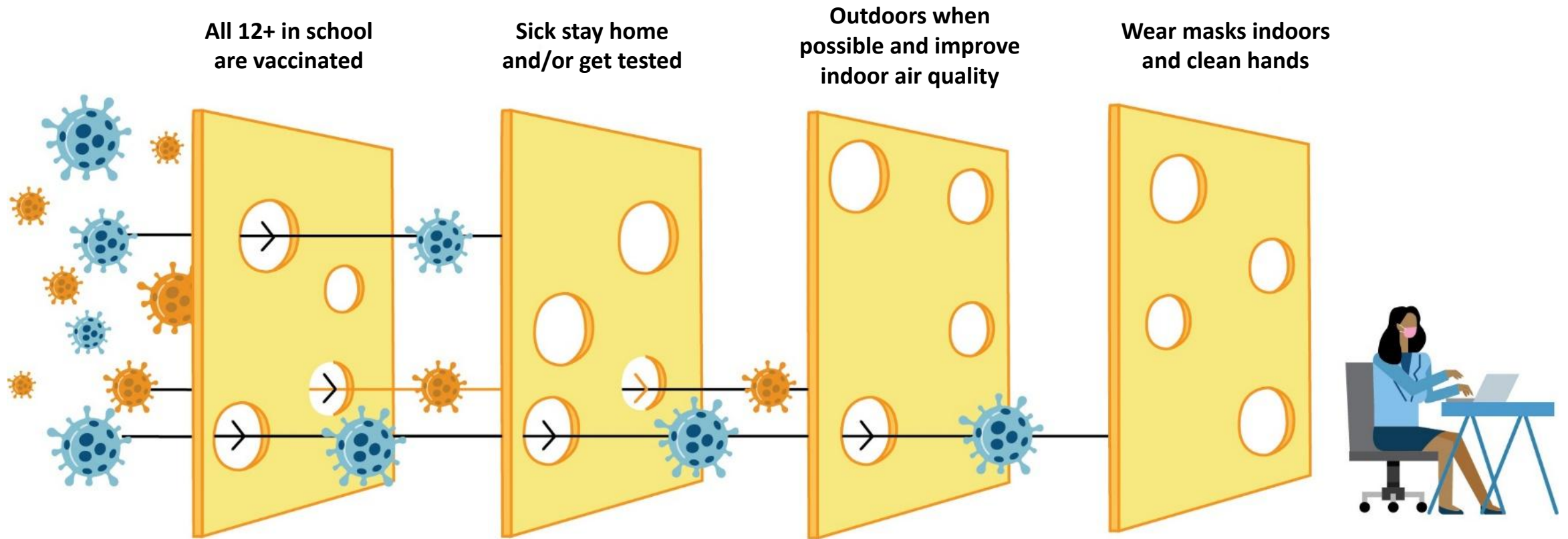


Prioritize Inclusion, Relevance, and Rigor in Curriculum and Instruction.



Lay the Groundwork for Systemic Transformation and Build  
Community-Based Partnerships

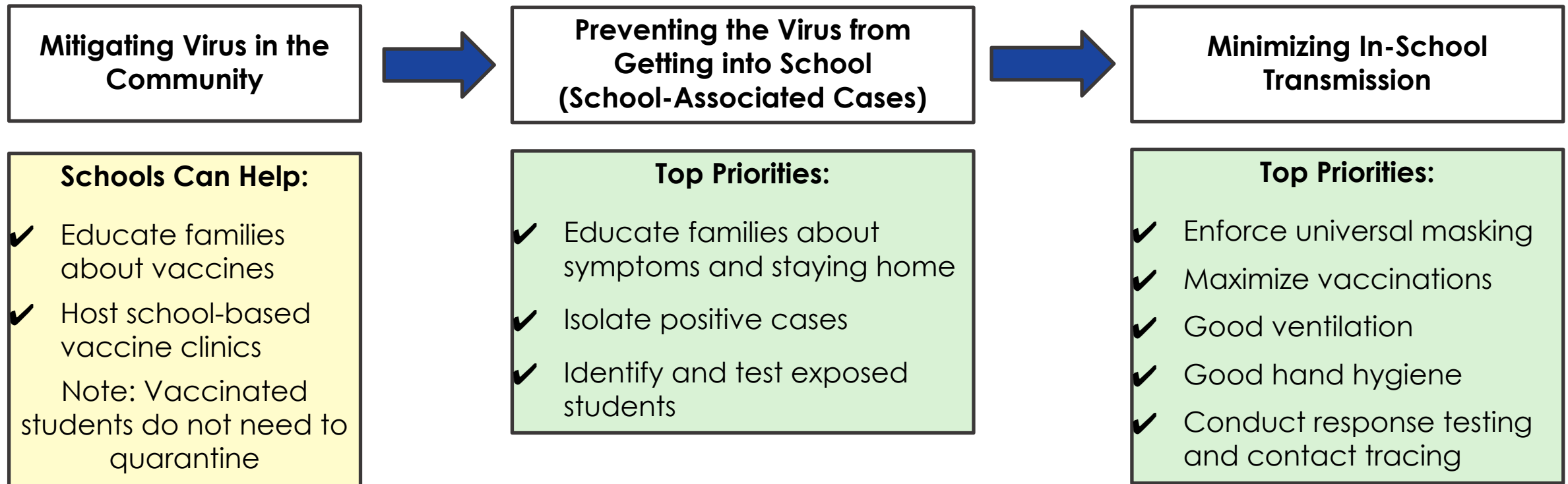
# Key Safety Layers: Making Schools the Safest Places in the Community



SOURCE: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL

# School-Associated vs. In-School Transmissions

**Key Objectives:** Minimize *in-school* transmissions and maximize in-person instruction.



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# Glendale Unified COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures

- Continue to refine and update operations and protocols based on the latest California and LA County Public Health guidance and internal data.
- Current COVID-19 health and safety measures include:
  - Vaccination clinics for students, employees, families, and community.
  - Weekly COVID-19 screening testing for students and employees.
  - Masks and physical distancing according to Public Health guidelines.
  - Daily health screening.
  - Frequent hand washing.
  - Cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
  - MERV-13 and HEPA filters in all classrooms and workspaces.
  - Outdoor learning spaces.
  - Quarantine, isolation, contact tracing, testing and notification protocols.



# Reasons for Testing

Screening Testing	Strategy to prevent transmission in schools by identifying individuals who are infected but without symptoms who may be contagious before the individual enters school.
Symptomatic Testing	Testing for individuals with symptoms of COVID-19.
Response Testing	Testing for individuals identified as close contacts and individuals with known or suspected exposure to an individual infected with COVID-19.
Outbreak Testing	Testing conducted for individuals present when three or more positive cases determined to have epidemiologically links are discovered.



# Glendale Unified COVID-19 Testing

WHO	WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
Weekly screening testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All students with parent consent</li><li>Mandatory for unvaccinated employees, strongly encouraged for all employees</li></ul>	School Days 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:00-4:30 p.m.	All school sites and district facilities	Rapid test, PCR if rapid is positive or upon request
Students returning from quarantine	Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 p.m. (CMHS) 5:30-8:00 p.m. (District)	Clark Magnet High School Glendale Unified District Office	Rapid test, PCR if rapid is positive or upon request
Students and employees with special circumstances	As needed	In homes	Rapid test, PCR if rapid is positive or upon request
Student athletes - moderate or high risk sports (baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, volleyball, water polo, wrestling)	Once per week (schedule TBD based on team schedule)	Clark Magnet, Crescenta Valley, Glendale, Hoover High Schools	PCR – weekly tests Rapid test as needed for multiple competitions per week

- Glendale Unified received \$3.97 million in funding for allowable services from LACOE School-Based COVID-19 Testing funds. \$1.01 million has been spent to-date.





# Weekly Student COVID-19 Testing

- Initial survey of parents to opt in or opt out of weekly COVID-19 screening testing sent August 17
  - 6,088 responses (24.8% of enrollment)
  - 2,523 opted in (41.4% of respondents)
  - 3,565 opted out (58.6% of respondents)
- 762 additional students have opted in since survey closed
- 13.7% of students (3,285) currently opted in for weekly testing
  - Elementary – 16.2%
  - Secondary – 11.3%



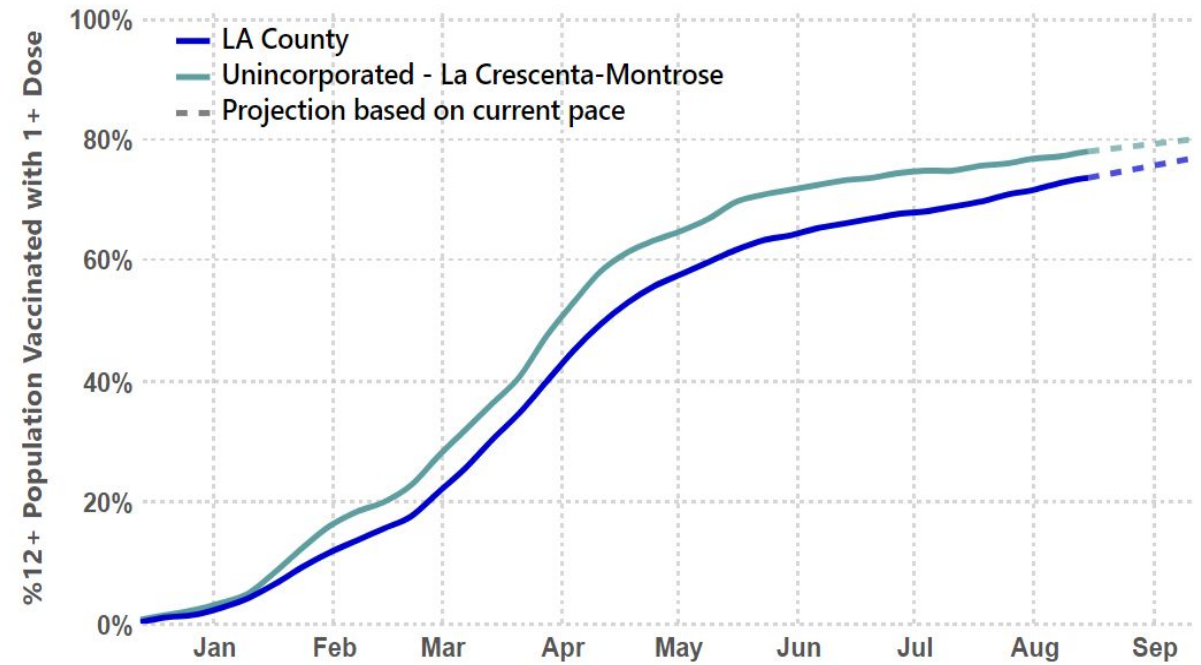
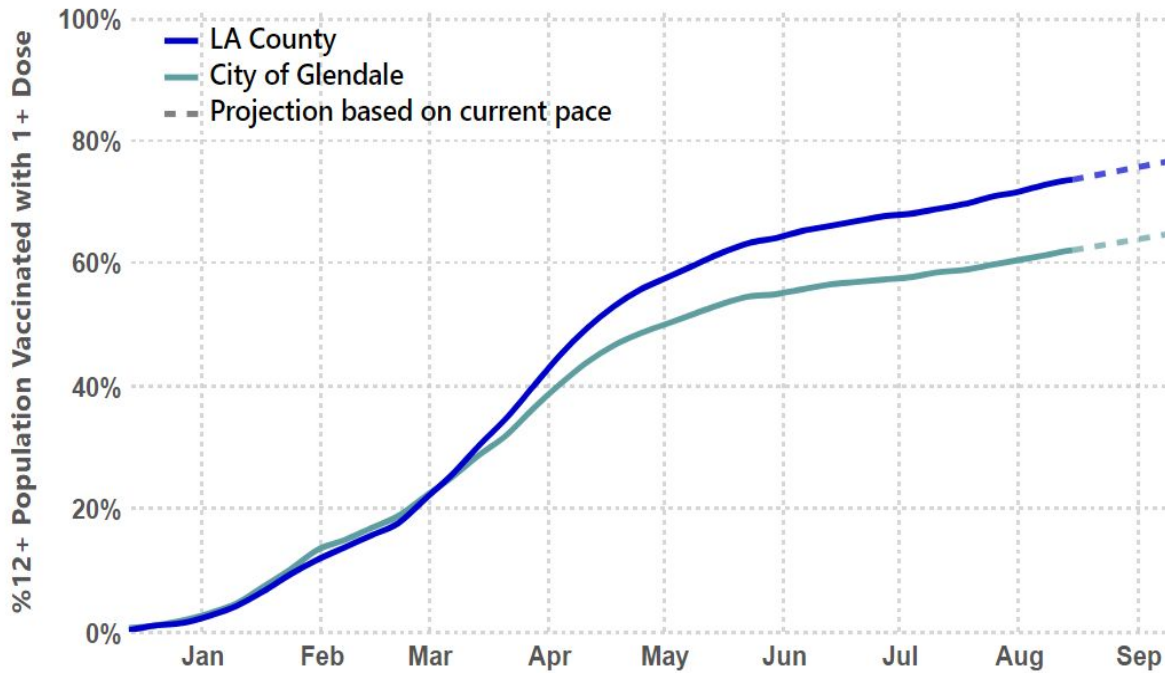


# GUSD COVID-19 Testing

- Since August 13, Glendale Unified has administered 7,968 rapid COVID-19 tests and 178 PCR tests
  - PCR tests given to all who test positive on rapid tests and upon request
  - **0.44% districtwide positivity rate**



# COVID-19 Vaccination Rates Glendale and La Crescenta/Montrose



Source: Los Angeles County Department of Public Health



# Glendale Unified Vaccination Efforts

- Glendale Unified has hosted 21 vaccination clinics since March 2021 in partnership with local healthcare providers
  - April 15 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was authorized for children 16 and older, authorized for children 12 and older on May 13
  - Glendale Unified has assisted in making more than 1,800 appointments for students to get vaccinated
- On August 23, the U.S. FDA granted formal approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine



# Glendale Unified Employee Vaccination Data

- Vaccination survey and link to upload proof of vaccination sent to employees August 16, due date August 27
  - 2,798 responses have been collected as of August 30 (83.6% of employees)
  - 82.2% of respondents are fully vaccinated
  - 2.3% of respondents are partially vaccinated
  - Following up with 549 individuals who have yet to respond



# Continuity of Learning During Quarantine

- To prevent the spread of COVID-19 on school campuses, students may occasionally experience whole class, partial class, or individual student quarantine.
- Vaccinated students and employees, and those who have recovered from laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, who are not showing symptoms do not have to quarantine.
- Glendale Unified posted written guidance on August 27 establishing that in the event an in-person class is required to quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure, class instruction pivot to short-term virtual learning wherein instruction and/or services are provided through Zoom or another video conferencing platform ([AR 6157 COVID-19 Continuity of Learning Plan – Quarantined Students](#)).





# STUDENTS CLOSE CONTACTS & QUARANTINE



## CLOSE CONTACT:

- A person who came within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes over a 24 hour period of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19, OR
- A person who had unprotected contact with body fluids and/or secretions from an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

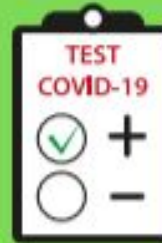
### CLOSE CONTACT ASYMPTOMATIC UNVACCINATED



- Students who are asymptomatic and test negative on day 6 or 7 may return to class on day 8.
- If no test is performed, quarantine at home for 10 days following exposure.
- Self-monitor for symptoms\* for 14 days from exposure date.

### POSITIVE CASE

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for 10 days from symptom start or from positive test result regardless of vaccination or mask-wearing status.



### CLOSE CONTACT ASYMPTOMATIC VACCINATED

- No quarantine as long as student remains asymptomatic.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 test after 3-5 days.
- Self-monitor for symptoms\* for 14 days from exposure date.

\* Any student who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate at home and see a healthcare professional for a COVID-19 test or contact their school office to arrange testing at a Glendale Unified testing clinic.

➔ Requirements for quarantining and contact tracing are administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and are subject to change after the initial posting of this document.

Last updated 8/24/2021



# Glendale Unified COVID-19 Dashboard

Number of Students On Campus	Cumulative Confirmed Cases Amongst Students (Since 8/18/21)	Current Confirmed Cases Amongst Students (within past 10 days post exposure)	Number of Employees On Campus	Cumulative Confirmed Cases Amongst Employees (Since 8/18/21)	Current Confirmed Cases Amongst Employees (within past 10 days post exposure)	Cumulative # of Students and Employees Identified During Contact Tracing (Since 8/18/21)	Positivity Rate of Students and Employees from Contact Tracing (not including the initial case)	# of Possible On Site Transmissions
<b>24,717</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4,363*</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>

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**COVID-19 dashboard data is updated every school day and available to the public at [www.gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard](http://www.gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard).**





# Independent Study



# Glendale Unified Independent Study

- Total # of Students Enrolled = 812
  - Elementary = 556
  - Secondary = 256
  - English Learners = 175
  - Students with Exceptional Needs = 104
- 101 additional students enrolled in Verdugo Academy, Online College & Career Academy, or Home Hospital



# Curriculum

- Grades TK-5: K-12 Online Learning System (OLS)
  - Provides online lessons for ELA, Math, Social Science and Science.
  - Classroom teacher offers daily live instruction with a focus subject.
- Grades 6-12: Edgenuity
  - Provides online lessons in all core subjects and electives (grades 9-12).
  - Classroom teachers offer weekly live instruction. Lessons are available for every subject, multiple times throughout the week.
  - Staff includes teachers with different credentials.



# Dual Immersion Students in Independent Study

- 114 dual immersion students currently enrolled in independent study grades TK-6
- Target language lessons:
  - Starting the week of August 30 through December 17
  - Four 1-hour lessons per week in small groups
  - Focus on language arts and communication skills
  - All dual immersion languages represented



Questions?