

# Superintendent's Update

Board of Education Meeting

October 12, 2021

Meeting No. 7



*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

# COVID-19 Health & Safety





# Updated COVID-19 Dashboard

- Dashboard updated October 4 to reflect new student quarantine procedures.
- Current and previous dashboards are available at [gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard](https://gusd.net/COVID19Dashboard).

<b>Number of Students on Campus</b>	<b>Cumulative Confirmed Cases Amongst Students (Since 8/18/21)</b>	<b>Current Confirmed Cases Amongst Students (within past 10 days post exposure)</b>	<b>Number of Staff on Campus</b>	<b>Cumulative Confirmed Cases Amongst Staff (Since 8/18/21)</b>	<b>Current Confirmed Cases Amongst Staff (within past 10 days post exposure)</b>	<b>Current # of Students and Staff Identified for Quarantine (8-10 Days After Exposure)</b>	<b>Cumulative # of Possible On-Site Transmissions Verified by LACDPH</b>	<b>Transmission Rate of Students and Staff from Contact Tracing (Not Including the Initial Case) – After Consultation with LACDPH</b>
24,318	198	12	2,930	15	0	195	2	0.00%

*Data reflects totals as of October 11, 2021*





# Update on Phase II Quarantine Protocols

- 196 cases resulting in potential site-exposure on elementary and secondary campuses between August 18 and October 11

	Elementary # of Cases		Secondary # of Cases	
	Phase 1 <i>(Aug. 18 – Sept. 19)</i>	Phase 2 <i>(Sept. 20 – Oct. 11)</i>	Phase 1 <i>(Aug. 18 – Sept. 19)</i>	Phase 2 <i>(Sept. 20 – Oct. 11)</i>
<b>Total Cases</b>	68	24	76	28
<b># of Close Contacts</b>	1,904	210	10,299	548
<b>Avg. # of Close Contacts Per School Day</b>	87	14	468	36
<b>Avg. # of Close Contacts Per Positive Case</b>	28	9	136	20



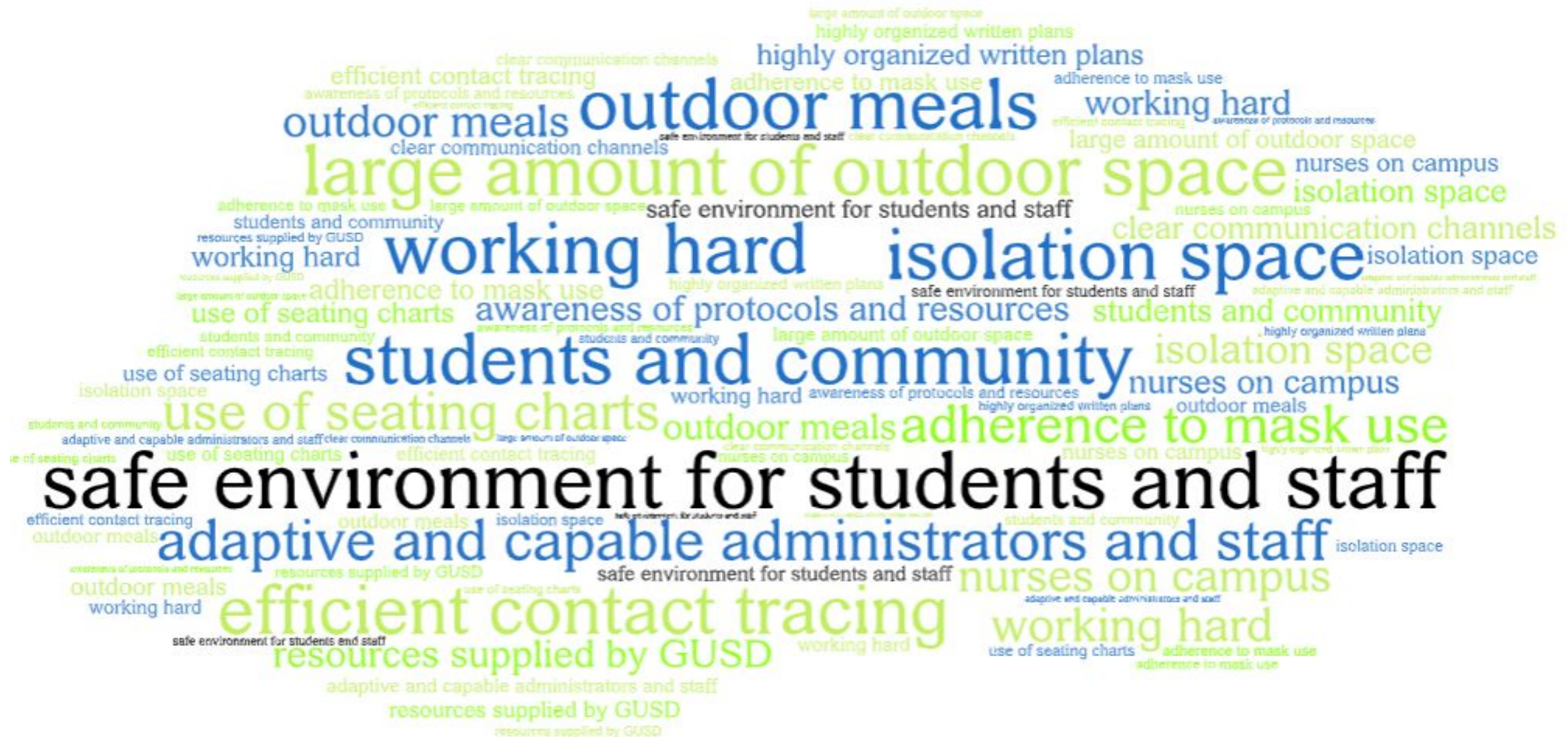
# LA County Public Health Department Visits

- LA County Public Health has identified schools located in communities with relatively high incident rates of COVID-19 and low vaccination rates
- Glendale Unified Schools identified for visits:
  - Balboa, (10/12), Cerritos (10/7), Columbus (10/7), Edison (10/12), Fremont (10/15), Jefferson (10/12), Keppel (10/6), Mann (10/15), Marshall (10/12), Muir (10/7), Verdugo Woodlands (10/8), R.D. White (10/8), Pacific Avenue Ed. Center (10/8), College View (10/7), Roosevelt (10/15), Daily (10/5), Glendale (10/15), Hoover (10/6), Toll (10/11), Wilson (10/19)



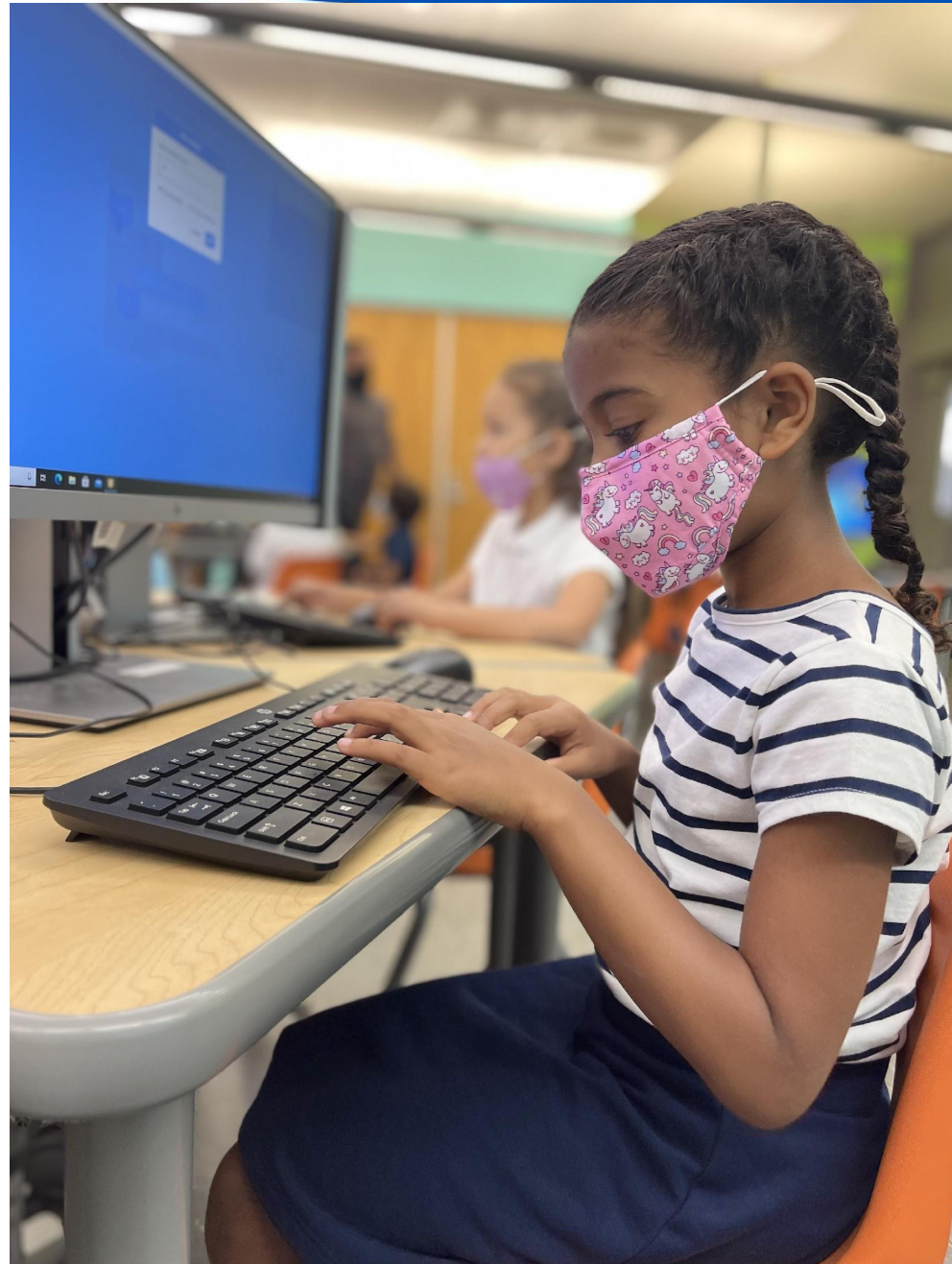


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# Digital Citizenship





# Digital Citizenship

- Promoting constructive use of technology to foster a positive culture of learning on our campuses.
- GUSD is launching our *Common Sense Media* lessons October 18 in honor of Digital Citizenship week.



**Engage students with daily activities**



**Promote digital citizenship in your community**



**Build your digital citizenship roadmap**

# Digital Citizenship

- Interactive Lessons from Common Sense Media:
  - Grades K-5: One 45-minute lesson per year
  - Grades 6-8: Two 45-minute lessons per grade per year
  - Grades 9-12: One 45-minute lesson per grade per year



# Digital Citizenship Lessons

- Required by Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and E-Rate program.
- Designed and developed in partnership with **Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education** and guided by research with thousands of educators
- Lessons take on real challenges and digital dilemmas that students face today, giving them the skills they need to succeed as digital learners and leaders.



Introductory  
Song (K–2  
only)



Media Balance  
& Well-Being



Privacy &  
Security



Digital  
Footprint &  
Identity



Relationships &  
Communication



Cyberbullying,  
Digital Drama &  
Hate Speech



News & Media  
Literacy



# Sample Lessons

Kindergarten  
Media Balance  
is Important  
(Cartoon and Song)



Grade 5  
Is It Cyberbullying?  
(Video)



CYBERBULLYING, DIGITAL DRAMA & HATE SPEECH  
*We are kind & courageous.*

Grade 9  
Protecting Online  
Reputations



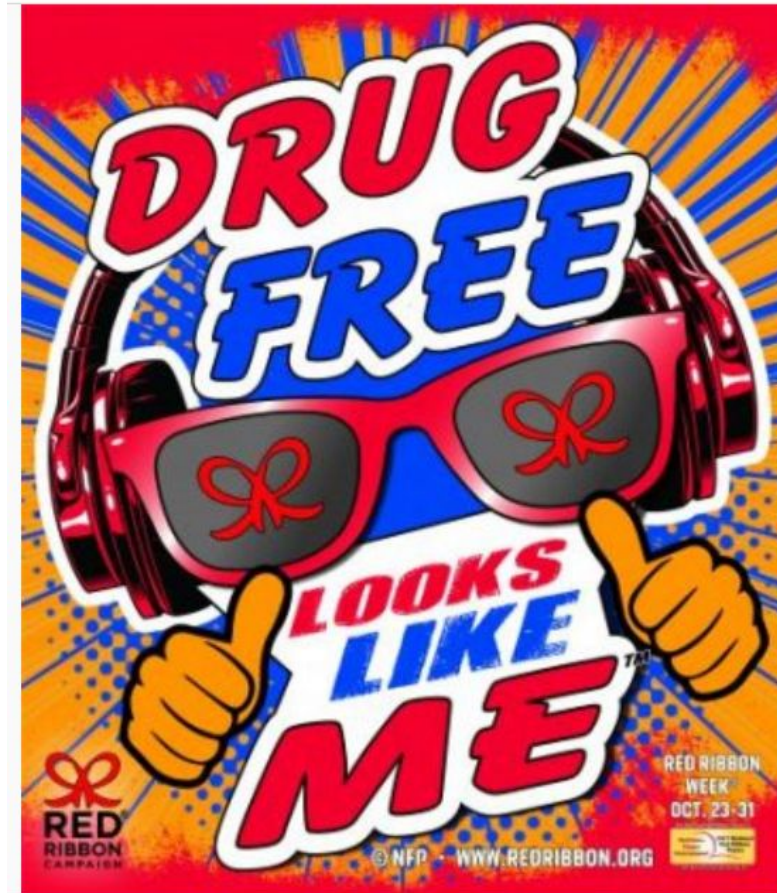
# Drug, Tobacco, Vaping Elimination



# Red Ribbon Week

## October 23-31, 2021

- The National Family Partnership sponsored the first Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988.
- For 33 years it has served as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate and engage youth in drug prevention activities.





## Red Ribbon Week (cont.)

- Every year, GUSD joins the Glendale Council PTA to promote Red Ribbon Week activities.
- Our elementary, middle and high schools plan a week-long list of activities to promote healthy choices and staying drug, tobacco and vape free.
- We are committed to promoting these healthy choices year round at all schools.

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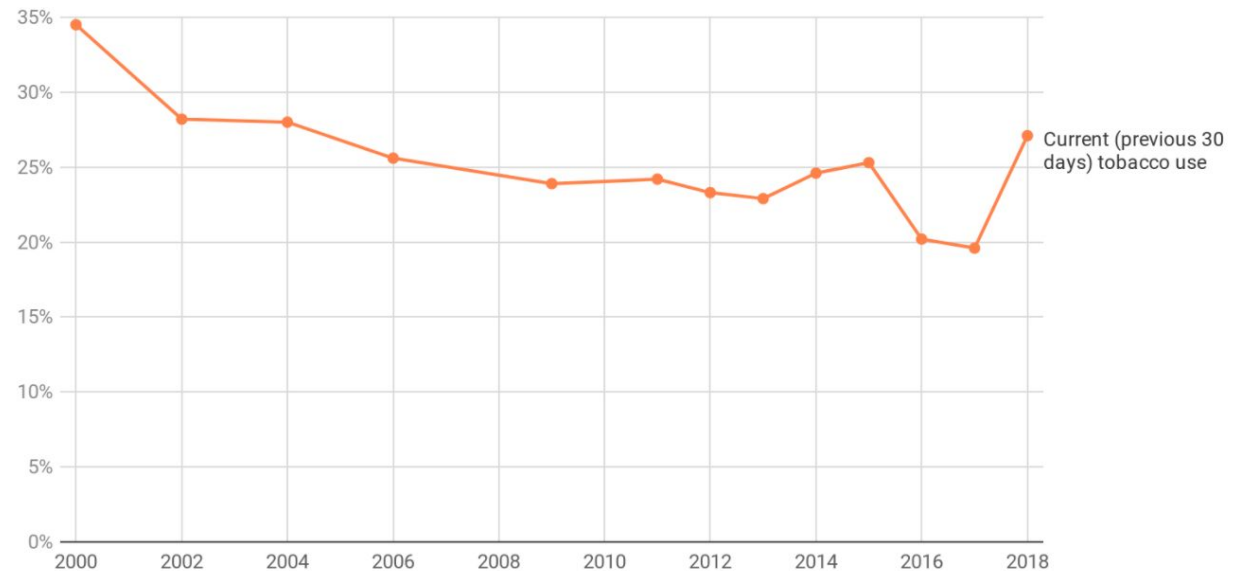


# Tobacco, Vaping and E-cigarettes

- More than 20% of high school students reported vaping in 2018 - almost twice the 2017 rate (CDC).
- Current use rate of vaping devices among middle schoolers rose from 0.6% in 2011 to 10.5% in 2019 (Truth Initiative).
- Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25 (CDC).
- Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control (CDC).
- Nationally, approximately 50% of calls to poison control centers for e-cigarettes are for kids 5 years of age or younger (CDC).

## Tobacco Use By High School Students

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the popularity of e-cigarettes has fueled a sharp reversal in what had been a sustained decline in smoke and smokeless tobacco product use among high school students.





# Responding with Education and Support

- GUSD Student Support Services provides educational presentations to students, families, and staff on the dangers of vaping.
- The Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program continues to offer cessation classes to students who vape/use tobacco products in all 5 high schools.
- In middle schools, TUPE coordinators educate students on the dangers of vaping/tobacco through Project ABCD.
- Middle school science classes use curriculum provided through the TUPE grant to teach all students the dangers of smoking/vaping.





# Responding with Education and Support

- At the high school level, students caught in possession of vaping and/or tobacco products are enrolled in a TUPE cessation class for that semester in lieu of suspension.
- Parents are always part of the conversation.
- Educating students on the dangers of using vapes or tobacco products encourages them to make the decision to quit on their own.

Box 2. Examples of E-Cigarette Devices



# Partners in our Work

Thank you to the many partners who support our efforts to eliminate teenage use of drugs, tobacco, and vaping.



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Office of Education



# Glendale Unified Talks

## A Virtual Conversation About the Dangers of Vaping

Hosted by Glendale Council PTA



Officials from Impact Canine Solutions, a company specializing in drug awareness and detection services for schools will share important information about the teenage vaping epidemic.

Wednesday, October 27

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LIVE via Zoom

Register Here: [www.gusd.net/October27](http://www.gusd.net/October27)

Free Event



### Learn about:

- Frequently abused drugs in schools
- Affects of drugs and tobacco on teen brains
- Smoking vs. Vaping
- The dangers of teen vaping
- Ingredients in e-cigarettes
- Substance abuse

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# Glendale Unified Student Voice Panel

Join us for our next  
Student Voice Panel  
Tuesday, October 26!



Hear what  
matters most  
to our  
students!

Tuesday, October 26  
5:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom  
[www.gusd.net/StudentVoice](http://www.gusd.net/StudentVoice)

Join us!







# Superintendent's Community Update Thursday, October 28 *Topic: College & Career Readiness*

## Superintendent's Community Update **Dr. Vivian Ekchian**



Join us to get the latest Glendale Unified updates  
from Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian!

Special Guest Dr. Kevin J Fleming, *VP of Planning and Development - Norco College*

LIVE on Zoom



**Thursday, October 28 | 4:00 p.m.**

For more information visit [www.gusd.net](http://www.gusd.net)