

**QUESTIONS & RESPONSES FROM APRIL 14, 2021 BOARD MEETING
(FACEBOOK)**

Question	Answer
Will there be an after school program?	The after school program will remain virtual for now.
Is the playground going to be broken into quadrants? Each day a different group in a different quadrant	Elementary school recess will be staggered. Playgrounds may not be initially accessible.
Wondering if they will have extra people dedicated to that?	The elementary schools have pupil supervisors who will oversee the students during recess.
What about the opening school money?	The district will receive funding for in-person learning and separate funding for expanded learning opportunities. Funding will be used to ensure that school sites have staffing and resources to safely reopen school as well as provide additional resources for academic intervention, social-emotional support and numerous other services for students and families.
Did they send out a message to the parents about the community meeting?	The parent town hall was announced through auto dialer calls to parents, school messenger, and district website. Future town halls will be similarly messaged.
Zoom meeting or some other way besides Facebook	The district is working on other options to host community meetings.
50% on a parent survey said they want their children to be back?	Approximately 50% of the survey respondents have stated a preference for hybrid/in-person learning.
What will recess look like?	Recess at elementary school will be staggered so as to reduce the number of students on campus at any one time.
Is this presentation available offline?	The slide deck presented at the April 14 Board meeting will be posted on the district website.
Will there be hand washing stations at MSMS in addition to the restrooms? Most classrooms do not have sinks.	Handwashing stations are being placed at all school sites.
What provisions will we have for 7 th graders to have a tour of the campus? They've never been on campus. Also, our 8 th graders have very little access.	Students new to secondary school sites who return for Hybrid/in-person learning will be provided orientation activities including campus tours.
In order for everyone to have a week prior notice, what is the earliest date we can come back?	The date will be announced when the district has ensured that preparations for reopening of school are in place. Parents and employees will be provided notice in advance of reopening.
How many days ahead of time will we (teachers) be notified when a date has been set?	Teachers will be provided with three or more days' notice on returning to school and school

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Will students/parents be able to switch between in person hybrid/virtual learning?	reopening. Parents will be able to switch their student(s) from hybrid/in-person learning to distance learning. Parents may not be able to switch their student(s) from distance learning to hybrid/in-person learning for safety reasons.
Teachers are going to need to be back into school before PPE is attached to everything to re-configure to classrooms.	Teachers will have the opportunity to configure their classrooms prior to school reopening.
I hope we will be allowing students that said they want online only learning to change their minds ONCE and be able to accommodate them.	Parents may not be able to switch their student(s) from distance learning to hybrid/in-person learning for safety reasons. It will depend on the size of the cohorts.
Based on the April 12 th vaccines, three weeks are needed to be fully vaccinated. Has this been taken into consideration?	Effective time for April 12 vaccinations has been considered in setting a school reopening date.
I'm feeling like this plan is being rushed through for board approval without in-depth planning taking place by the district.	The school reopening plan is the result of work done over several weeks and has included certificated and classified employee stakeholders. It is understood that the plan may need to be adjusted and updated as it is implemented.
I would be interested to hear the plan for substitute teachers. If teachers are to stay home with any COVID Symptoms.	The district is working on a plan to secure daily substitute teachers for teachers who have to stay home due to illness.
Will teachers be able to bring their school-age children with them on days/times when they (the children) are not in school.	There is no current plan for teachers to bring their children with them to school.
School is over on June 10, why do it now?	Reopening of schools will provide students with the opportunity to reconnect with their teachers and peers. The state has stated an expectation that schools make efforts to reopen schools.
Can the parents be informed that the students will not be back full time as in 5 days with a regular schedule?	The district will provide notification to parents as well as hold a town hall meeting to provide parents with information on school reopening. Most students who participate in hybrid/in-person learning would attend class(es) in person for two days per week.
I don't think this has been made clear to parents at all that the return to school is only part-time, a few days a week.	The district and school sites will provide detailed information on hybrid/in-person reopening plans.
We still need to temp check kids. If you screen sports teams, you need to screen academic kids too.	Guidance for athletics differs from guidance for students returning to school. School sites and teachers will be provided with thermometers which can be used to screen students at any time.
I want to go back, but how can you ensure equitability?	The district will follow state guidelines to ensure access to hybrid/in-person learning to prioritized student groups including English learners,

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	Neurodiverse students, homeless and foster children and other disengaged students.
Will students with symptoms be removed from the classrooms and held in a separate room (larger than the health office), what about the students who are sent to school with COVID like symptoms?	Students with symptoms will be isolated in a safe, supervised waiting area until a parent can be contacted to come to school to take a student home.
What about consistency and safety?	The district will follow California Department of Public Health and Monterey County Health Department guidance to ensure safe school environments.
Do we really believe that a change for 6 weeks is in the best interest of all of our students?	We believe that the opportunity for some students to return to hybrid/in-person learning will help students' social-emotional wellness. It will provide those students who are attending a new school this year (7th graders and 9th graders) to familiarize themselves with their new campuses
It would be really great to have some direction on if we are still doing the CAASPP test this year.	The California Department of Education has announced that school districts may use local assessments in place of the Smarter Balanced state assessments. The district will utilize the Board-approved iReady assessment program for grades 3-8 (students in grades K-2 do not participate in state testing). The district will use the Reading Inventory and Math Diagnostic Testing Project for grade 11. (students in grades 9, 10 and 12).
The issue I raised on that was about student engagement. Are our students up to date with their i-Ready work and if not, how would we handle this?	If a parent has a concern about iReady work, the parent should contact the teacher.
So do we have the option to distance learn completely?	Yes, parents may choose to have their students remain in distance learning.