The VTA and VUSD Bargaining Teams met (on Zoom) on October 15, 2020 for 2 hours.

VTA Bargaining Team Members Present:
Brenda Hensley, VTA Bargaining Chairperson
Kim Campbell
Tracy Begley
Annaliese Vasquez
Tessa Craig
Todd Blanset, VTA President

VUSD Bargaining Team Members Present:
Chris Hulett
Manolo Garcia
Kelly Burks
Ryan Galles
Sasha Begell
Jose Bermudez
Ali Eeds

Today we collaborated on draft language on the following topics:
Exposure Protocols
Symptom Screening
Face Coverings
PPE/Cleaning Supplies
Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing
Physical Distancing/Barriers
Cleaning of Workspaces
HVAC Systems and Air Quality
Transition Time prior to Reopening

We have some details to work out in some of these categories, but are closer to an agreement on them. Mandated face coverings for all students continues to be a VTA priority.

Issues that VUSD and VTA are still in discussion about:
-Elementary Physical Education teacher responsibilities
-COVID-19 testing of staff
-Supervision for students eating on campus
-If our tier changes from red to purple and some grades are in-person, what about the grades not open yet
-Elementary Wednesday Schedule
-Switching Wednesday to Monday?
-Tracking system for attendance (if more is required from state)
-Sub emergencies at secondary
-Performance classes at secondary (Choir, etc.)
-Adjusting the grievance timelines for this MOU only to provide quicker resolution of issues
-School Closure (revert back to 100% distance learning) criteria
-reducing number of combos at elementary
-Lunch supervision for PM elementary students, if needed
-SPED/RTI/EL services in an AM/PM model
-AM/PM Kindergarten teachers working with one class
-SPICE program and distance learning
-tentative dates for reopening

Exec Board will be meeting on 10/19/20 to discuss all these issues. Please reach out to your VTA Director to give them feedback.

Our next bargaining session about reopening is set for Thursday 10/22/20.

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