



JUST THE FACTS...



The VTA/CTA/NEA Bargaining Update
Reopening Schools #6
October 22, 2020

The VTA and VUSD Bargaining Teams met (on Zoom) on October 22, 2020 for 2.5 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:

Non-mandatory COVID testing for staff
Exposure Protocols
Criteria for Individual School/Districtwide closures (revert to 100% distance learning)
Symptom Screening
Face Coverings, including a mandate for all grade levels
PPE/Cleaning Supplies
Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing
Physical Distancing/Barriers
Unit members not supervising students who are eating indoors
Cleaning of Workspaces
HVAC Systems and Air Quality
Transition Time prior to Reopening

Limiting further reopening when in purple tier

District agreed to work with us on these issues:

- Sub emergencies at all levels
- Reducing number of combos for distance learning
- Brainstorming virtual assignments for secondary members who need them through the interactive process

Issues that VUSD and VTA are still in discussion about:

- Elementary Physical Education teacher responsibilities
- Elementary Conferences and Report Card timelines for November
- Elementary Wednesday Schedule
- Switching Wednesday to Monday?
- Tracking system for attendance (if more is required from state)
- Performance classes at secondary (Choir, etc.)
- Adjusting the grievance timelines for safety only to provide quicker resolution
- SPED/RTI/EL services in an AM/PM model
- tentative reopening dates

Our next bargaining session about reopening is set for Monday 10/26/20.

We fully expect to resolve all issues and come to an agreement on Monday. If we do, Exec Board would meet (see below) to decide whether or not to send the agreement for a VTA member vote. A General Membership meeting would need to be held on October 30, 2020, with electronic voting commencing after that.

Exec Board will be meeting on 10/27/20 to discuss all these issues. Please reach out to your VTA Director to give them feedback.

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