



JUST THE FACTS...



The VTA/CTA/NEA Bargaining Update
2020-2021 Contract Bargaining #5
Ongoing Discussions Regarding In-Person Instruction
February 24, 2021

The teams met for 3 hours on February 24, 2021.

VTA Team Members:

Brenda Hensley, Bargaining Chair
Tracy Begley
Kim Campbell
Annaliese Vasquez
Todd Blanset, President

VUSD Team Members:

Chris Hulett, VUSD Lead Negotiator
Sasha Begell
Jose Bermudez
Ali Eeds
Ryan Galles
Manolo Garcia

Contract Bargaining:

We did not discuss anything related to the 2020-2021 contract today.

Reopening Schools:

Elementary: [General Meeting at 3:30 on 2/25/21](#). Todd Blanset will be sending out a link for that meeting.

The District anticipates that Solano County will have red tier numbers by next week, which would put an in-person start date mid-March. VTA and the District verbally agreed to tentatively cancel elementary spring conferences and will know by 3/2/21 whether or not the numbers will uphold that timeline and the cancelling of conferences.

Secondary:

The District has proposed two secondary schedule models:

Plan A: 60 minutes classes for in-person/zoom at the same time in the morning, afternoon optional in-person flextime offerings for students.

Or

Plan B: 45 minute in-person classes (no zoom) in the morning, 45-minute zoom classes in the afternoon, no flextime offerings. This model would assume that we would go to 50% hybrid after a few weeks, even in the red tier.

The District also proposed 25% for Red Tier (regardless of schedule), but if vaccines were offered, going to a 50% model after 4-5 weeks (1st/2nd doses) regardless of tier. Solano County Health has been unreliable in providing doses for all educators so far.

With red tier numbers, we are looking at an in-person opening mid to late March, which coincides with the end of the 3rd quasimester and beginning of the 4th quasimester. We are in discussion about how to mitigate workload issues around the transition of the quasimesters.

Please provide feedback to your director(s) regarding these issues ASAP. Exec Board has a regular meeting scheduled on 3/2/21 and be discussing how to move forward at that time.