



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: October 13, 2020

TITLE: Update on Hybrid Reopening and Amphi Academy Online Operations

BACKGROUND:

October 12, 2020 marked the first day of “in-person” school for half of our students (Cohort #1) in Amphitheater School District. The other half of the student population (Cohort #2) would need to wait another 24 hours before they were able to see their friends, their teachers, and the support staff that assist them every day. School employees have spent the last few months delivering services to students remotely in the “Remote Learning by Necessity” model of instruction. October 12, 2020 was the next step to normalcy by offering a hybrid model where students would come to school in person two days per week, and would work remotely from home three days per week. This model allows for significantly reduced class sizes optimizing space in each classroom for social distancing.

Precautionary measures were evident throughout schools the past two days. All schools required face coverings/masks for all students and staff who do not have a documented medical reason to do otherwise. Classrooms are cleared of excess furniture and supplies to increase the ability to socially distance, lunch schedules have been recalculated, recesses are staggered, handwashing is regular and frequent, and teachers are preparing to teach compressed and accelerated lessons to assist students in making progress toward their grade level and subject area standards. Sanitizing common areas is a primary focus and touch point cleaning is continuous throughout the day. The continued success of our opening will involve everyone. For schools to stay open, the community can assist us by wearing masks, socially distancing, washing their hands regularly, and keeping their children home when they are sick.

We have seen a marked increase in families choosing to enroll in Amphi Academy Online (AAO) K-12. Just before Fall Break we enrolled over 350 students in the AAO K-5 school and about 260 students were added in AAO grades 6-12. We anticipate that most of these students and their families will continue with online learning until at least January. Some will finish out the 2020-2021 school year online. At present, our K-5 Amphi Academy is full. We had to make staffing adjustments throughout the district to cover the necessary teaching positions for AAO.

Dr. Roseanne Lopez and Mike Bejarano will make a brief presentation on their observations along with comments from principals regarding our reopening on October 12, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

The item is for the Governing Board’s information.

INITIATED BY:

Dr. Roseanne Lopez,
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Date: October 12, 2020

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent