

## 2020: Didn't See That Coming! Parent Engagement FAQ Document

### Distance Learning Parent Survey:

What percentage of total parents responded to the survey? I saw the breakdown by grade, but I'm wondering how many people provided feedback vs. didn't respond? **65% of our parents responded to the survey.**

Are you going to switch to zoom vs google meets? **At this time, our primary mode of live meets is via Google Meets and we do not plan to adjust that. We will be launching an upgraded version of Google Meets that allows for breakout rooms and other features similar to what you find in Zoom. With that being said, teachers can use the free Zoom educator account as well, but that is not a requirement.**

How about GATE as part of distance learning? **GATE students should be receiving differentiated learning activities to support their needs.**

Will schools start more socialization for students? **Teachers, counselors, and other staff are starting to hold more social events with students like lunch buddies, friendship groups, tech Tuesday's etc. Reach out to share ideas with your school principal or teacher.**

So are there any plans for longer instructional day? Live meets in afternoons and Fridays? **Each Monday thru Thursday, students should be engaging in live lessons with teachers in English Language Arts, math, and English Language Development time. Many teachers are meeting with students in whole group and small groups depending on the activity and grade level. Friday is our asynchronous day of teaching so that teachers can meet individually with students and parents in the morning.**

I'm just curious to know if workbook/textbook/paperwork work could be assigned for younger grades. Computer fatigue for my 2nd grader already. **Students should be engaging in both paper pencil work and work on the computer. Please share this feedback with your child's teacher as well.**

If our school is not currently providing virtual social interactions, will they be encouraged to do so in the near future? That would be a great addition. I assume the school will share this update with us if/when they implement it? **Please reach out to your principal and teacher to share ideas.**

What is the required "live" meeting time? **This varies by grade level. TK-K is minimum of 60 minutes per day, 1<sup>st</sup> is 75 minutes per day, 2-6 grade is 90 minutes per day.**

When will 6<sup>th</sup> Grade NGSS science be up and running? **Students will begin using it on November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### Reopening of Schools:

What is the timeline to implement the hybrid model? **The timeline depends on our ability to receive a waiver from the County and State or on the daily COVID testing rates and positivity rates dropping in LA County to a level where schools will be authorized to open.**

What are you doing to do to get the NESP approval to open TK -2? **The District continues to engage in conversations to address any concerns staff have with the reopening of schools.**

If our child is currently in DLA, once schools are approved to reopen, would we have the opportunity to switch him to blended? **Yes, depending on space availability at your home school or you could elect to transfer to another school that has an opening at that grade level in the District.**

In the hybrid model, how will mask compliance be enforced? **This will be enforced by all adults at school. There is no exception to this requirement.**

For in person IEP assessment, will the assessment be conducted by the current individual providing the services. Our current speech therapist is not located at our home school. **In person assessments will be conducted by your regular service provider to the greatest extent possible.**

Can you give more specific details and dates regarding SDC classes returning in person? I saw today that LA county is allowing small cohorts of special needs kids to increase from 10 to 25 % capacity **This latest update is accurate. We now have up to 25% capacity when considering our SDC populations. We have a planned rollout for small cohort instruction with all of our SDC programs prior to winter break. Kim Howe will be communicating those plans in the coming weeks.**

When we re-open, I know all students will be required to wear a mask. Face shields only are not approved correct? Face shields do not fully protect an individual from spreading germs. **Masks are required to be worn by students at all times while at school.**

What is NESP and NTA? **NESP stands for Newhall Educational Support Professionals, which is are classified staff. This includes office staff, library media specialists, health techs, custodians, etc. NTA stands for Newhall Teacher Association. This includes all teaching staff.**

The chart in the slides is different than the letter that was shared by the Superintendent, why has the NO under the NTA and NESP letter changed to NOT YET? **We adjusted this to make it clear that while the teachers and classified staff at certain sites support seeking the TK-2 waiver, we do not have the letters of support at this time.**

What concerns do NESP have for not supporting the waiver? **The FAQ document from the meeting Superintendent Pelzel had with NESP employees is on the District website under the School Start Task Force page.**

Would it be possible to remind us what the Hybrid program involves? **The hybrid model is an AM/PM model where half of the students come in the morning for 2.5 hours and half come in the afternoon for 2.5 hours. During the opposite part of the day, students would engage in their asynchronous on-line learning for science, social studies, and other programs. This model would be Monday thru Thursday.**

If we get a TK-2 waiver how fast can we get a waiver for 3-6? **At this time, the only available waiver is for TK-2. The waiver for 3-6 will not take place until we are in Tier 2 (red) within the COVID monitoring system for 28 days.**

So if we are approved for a waiver and I don't want my 2nd grader to go in person, will he remain in Distance Learning with the same teacher? Or have to transfer to DLA? **Because the teacher will be teaching all day with his/her students, you will more than likely need to transfer to an open DLA class.**

So far you've talked about reopening- but what steps is the school doing to keep the students and staff safe? All families should review the Newhall School District Health and Safety Reopening document that outlines all our protocols we have put in place. This can be found on the district website under the School Start Task Force page.

If the kids go back to school, will they be expected to wear a mask all day? I cannot foresee my little 2nd grader wear a mask all day. Students will be required to wear a mask while at school, but keep in mind the blended model has students at school for 2.5 hours a day, not the entire day.

Will there be temperature checks for all students and teachers and if so how will they be administered? Health and temperature screenings will be expected to be conducted at home by all families.

At one point it was said that students tk-2 weren't going to be required to wear masks...Did that change? Yes, the County is now requiring all students to wear masks at all times.

Will the Digital Learning Academy be offered in the 2021 - 2022 school year? As we move throughout the spring we will be surveying our families to determine if there is a desire to maintain a Digital Learning Academy platform as a permanent option for families.

Will students be required to be tested before returning? No Will they be periodically tested? No

Will all schools in the district open at the same time or depending on the letter approvals? It will depend on the approval process. They have told us to expect it to take 2-3 weeks for the approval process.

If the district would be able to apply to reopening tomorrow, and everything goes as necessary, what would be the closest date for the kids to go to school? In most instances they have said it will take at least 2-3 weeks for the approval process to be completed and then we would start the transition depending on when the upcoming breaks occur.

If your child shows symptoms and needs to quarantine for the appropriate 14 days... will they just miss 14 days of instruction? No, we would provide the student with work to complete at home.

### **Cyber Security Update:**

How did the ransomware attack occur? Was there a ransom paid? This is still an ongoing investigation so there are things we cannot share at this time.

Will there be any cyber training for the students? In our Neptune Navigate curriculum students will learn about internet safety.

Are there plans to have off site, off line backups so we wouldn't have to pay a ransom to get our data unlocked? We have taken additional steps and upgraded our system to make the reoccurrence of something like this happening again less likely.