



Reopening Update #23; March 12, 2021

Dear SVUSD Families,

Last night at our March 11 Board of Education meeting, I shared with the Board our tentative plans for the 2021-22 school year, and I wanted to provide you with some updates. While it is difficult to be certain about the instructional format at this early date without knowing what the conditions of the pandemic may be in August, a few things are certain:

- First, we are committed to having a full time, in person offering for all of our students, TK-12 for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Second, we will continue to follow the health guidance from both the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the local authorities.
- Third, we will offer alternative enrollment options through SVUSD's Virtual Academy in the 2021-2022 school year.

It is important to note that Senate Bill 98 (SB98), which allowed for full distance learning, will no longer be available after the 2020-2021 school year ends. A direct result of this will be that SVUSD will no longer offer the full distance instructional model currently in place. Families who prefer that their children not be in classrooms full time beginning in August 2021 will have the option of enrolling their students in the Saddleback Virtual Academy (SVA). Additional details regarding the SVA and its programmatic details may be found on their website, which is accessible [here for K-8](#) and [here for 9-12](#).

An important aspect of the planning process for 2021-2022 is to gather information from our families regarding their preferences for next year. Please complete [this short survey](#) for each student you have enrolled in SVUSD by Friday, March 26.

We have learned many things this year from our Hybrid offerings. Since September, schools in SVUSD have offered in person schooling without adding to the community spread of COVID-19. Since the middle of January, the number of cases in SVUSD has been steadily declining. The positivity rates in both Orange County and California have been declining rapidly which should put Orange County in the red tier soon. Vaccinations are now available through Tier 1B which includes our staff. The vaccine trials for students are currently underway and we are looking forward to seeing what those results are in the coming months.

As we plan for 2021-2022, we will continue to follow the guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Orange County Healthcare Agency (OCHCA) and modify our health and safety protocols based on the most current guidance.

We look forward to sharing additional details as we continue to plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you,

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