

# **Covina-Valley Unified School District**

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## **COVID-19 Update**

**January 19, 2021**

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# Timeline

- **March 16, 2020:** All Schools Closed
  - District Administration, Nutrition Services, and MOFT Remain Working On-site
- **May 2020:** Site Administrators and Classified Staff Return with the Exception of Instructional Aides
- **June 2020:** Kids Korner Child Care Open In-Person
- **August 2020:** High School Students and Coaches Return to Campus for Athletic Conditioning
- **August 2020:** Majority of Instructional Aides Return to Work On Site
- **September 2020:** Governor Newsom Allows Small Group Cohort Return and Waivers or TK-2 In-person
- **September 2020:** LA County Allows Small Group Return
- **September 2020:** Tech Pods/Child Care Begins
- **October 2020:** LA County Approves First TK-2 Waivers
- **October 2020:** Juniors and Seniors Take PSAT/SAT; Sports Participation Increases
- **December 1, 2020:** Small Group Cohorts Begin
- **December 6, 2020:** Southern California Falls Under the Regional Stay at Home Order
- **December 12, 2020:** First COVID-19 Vaccine Approved for Use in the United States
- **December 14, 2020:** Return to Distance Learning for All Students
- **December 30, 2020:** Governor Newsom announces Safe Schools for All Plan and Incentive Grants
- **January 12, 2021:** C-VUSD Announces Distance Learning for All Students Until Further Notice
- **February 1, 2021:** 1st Phase Safe Schools for All Incentive Grant Applications Due (tentative)
- **March 1, 2021:** 2nd Phase Safe Schools for All Incentive Grant Applications Due (tentative)

# Important Updates

***The Safe Schools for All* proposal establishes a grant program to incentivize LEA's to reopen school for in-person instruction, inclusive of hybrid models**

- **COVID-19 Safety Plan**
  - Conforms with California Department of Public Health (CDPH) school guidance
  - Incorporates Cal/OSHA Emergency Standards
- **Labor Agreement**
  - Documentation of collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) conforming with COVID-19 Safety Plan
- **Offer In-Person Instruction**
  - By February 16 for TK–2 and all students with disabilities, foster youth, homeless youth, and students without access to technology
  - By March 15, expand to grade 5 or 6
- **COVID-19 Testing**
  - All students and staff of in-person instruction
  - In accordance with CDPH testing cadence
- **Certify Technology**
  - Verify that all students in distance learning have access to a computing device, software, and high-speed internet to participate in online learning

# Important Updates

***The Safe Schools for All* proposal accommodates LEAs that are already providing in-person instruction and those that are unable to reopen because of local health conditions**

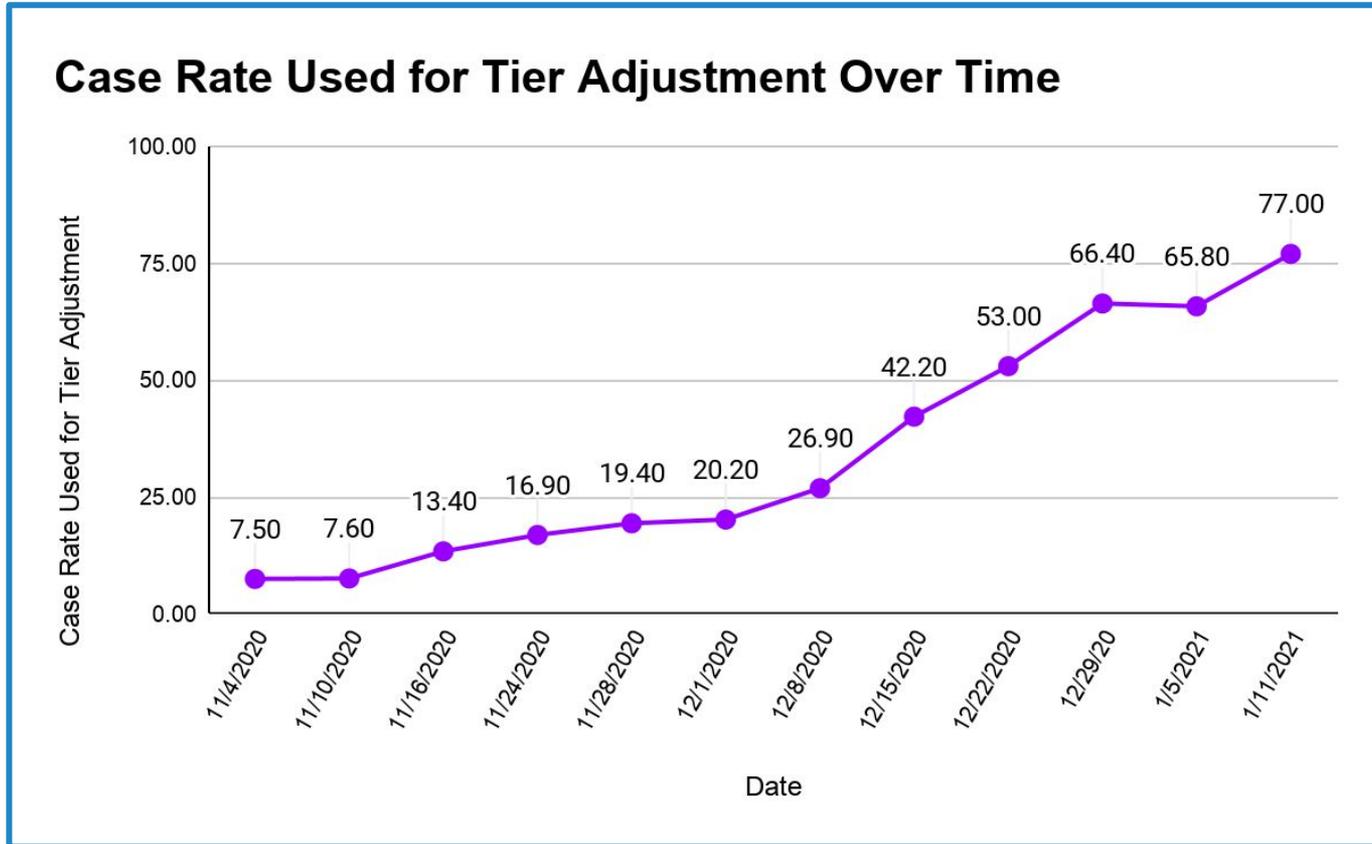
- **Open for In-Person Instruction**
  - Will be eligible to receive the February grant funds if they meet all conditions for funding, including serving specified students, ratifying a collective bargaining agreement/MOU that implements their COVID-19 Safety Plan, and adopting the state's recommended testing cadences
- **In-Person Instruction Prohibited**
  - LEAs prohibited from opening because local adjusted COVID-19 case rates exceed 25 per 100,000 will be eligible to receive the February or March grant funds if they meet all conditions and reopen for in-person instruction the month immediately following the decline in cases below the threshold
- **LEAs not serving TK–6 Grades**
  - LEAs, such as high school districts, will be eligible to receive funding if they offer in-person instruction to vulnerable students using the CDPH cohort guidance

# Important Updates

## AB 10 Pupil Instruction: In-person Instruction: Distance Learning

- Starting March 1, 2021, schools allowed to open under state and county health orders (those in the Red, Orange, or Yellow tiers) must implement a plan to do so within two weeks
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has already issued guidance on when schools can reopen, based on a color-coded system that tracks the daily number and percentage of COVID-19 cases.
  - Purple: No public or private school can reopen, but those teaching grades K-6 or providing instruction to a small “cohort” group can get a waiver
  - Red: Reopening possible once the county has remained in this tier for 14 days
  - Orange/Yellow: May reopen immediately, unless the county has stricter rules
- AB 10 is currently in the State Assembly Education Committee

# California Blueprint for a Safer Economy: Los Angeles County Data



# C-VUSD to Return to 100% Distance Learning

- Effective Monday, December 14, 2020, extended until further notice on January 12, 2021
- All students return to 100% Distance Learning
  - Special Education Small Group Cohorts
  - English Learner Small Group Cohorts
  - Preschool (academic)
- Childcare Programs
  - Preschool Students through Grades 12
- All Athletic Practices and Conditioning
- Adult Education Essential Worker Classes Continue In-person
- All School Offices Closed to the Public
- Support Services Will Continue to be Offered to Students, Teachers, and Parents

# Important Updates

## California Department of Public Health - Regional Stay at Home Order

### ●December 3, 2020 (Supplemental Order December 6, 2020):

- Goes into effect at 11:59 PM the day after a region has been announced to have less than 15% ICU availability.
- The orders prohibit private gatherings of any size, close sector operations except for critical infrastructure and retail, and require 100% masking and physical distancing in all others.
- Once triggered, these orders will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks. After that period, they will be lifted when a region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%.
- The orders have been extended until further notice.

# Important Updates

## Vaccinations

### Actively Vaccinating Phase 1A

- Frontline Healthcare Workers
  - Including School Health Care Personnel
- Staff & Residents at Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Staff & Residents at Long-Term Care Facilities

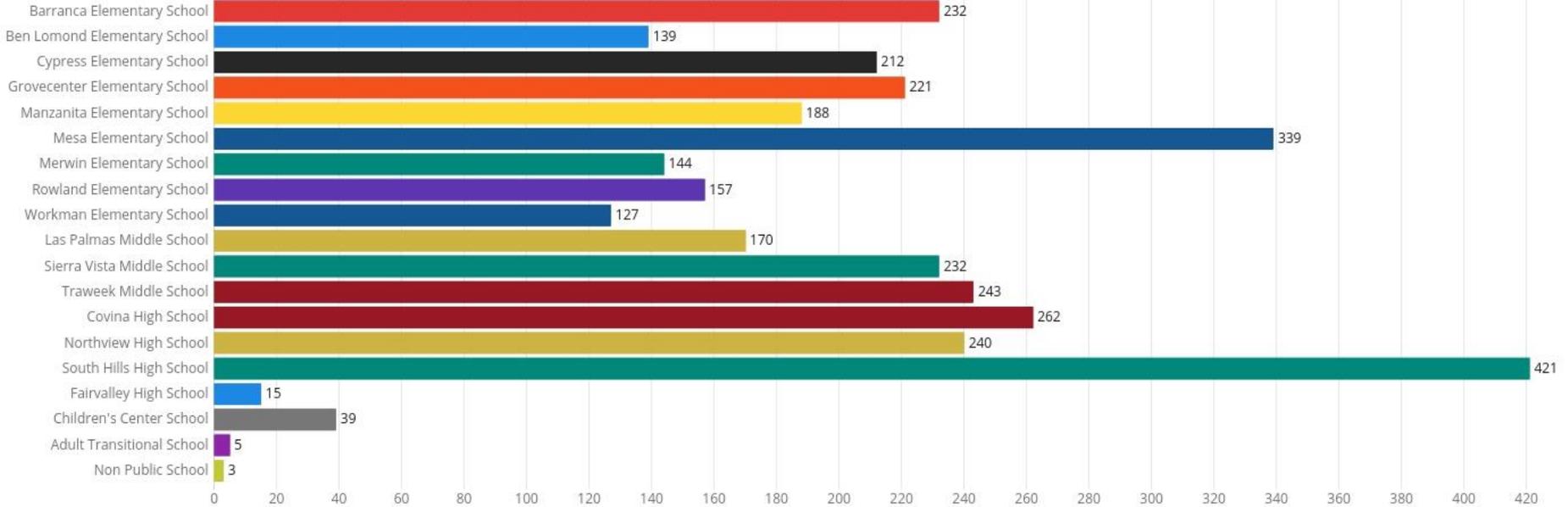
### Estimated Timeline for Phase 1B: Early February

- 1B Tier 1:
  - Persons 65 years and older\*
  - Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors:
    - Education and Childcare
    - Emergency services
    - Food and agriculture

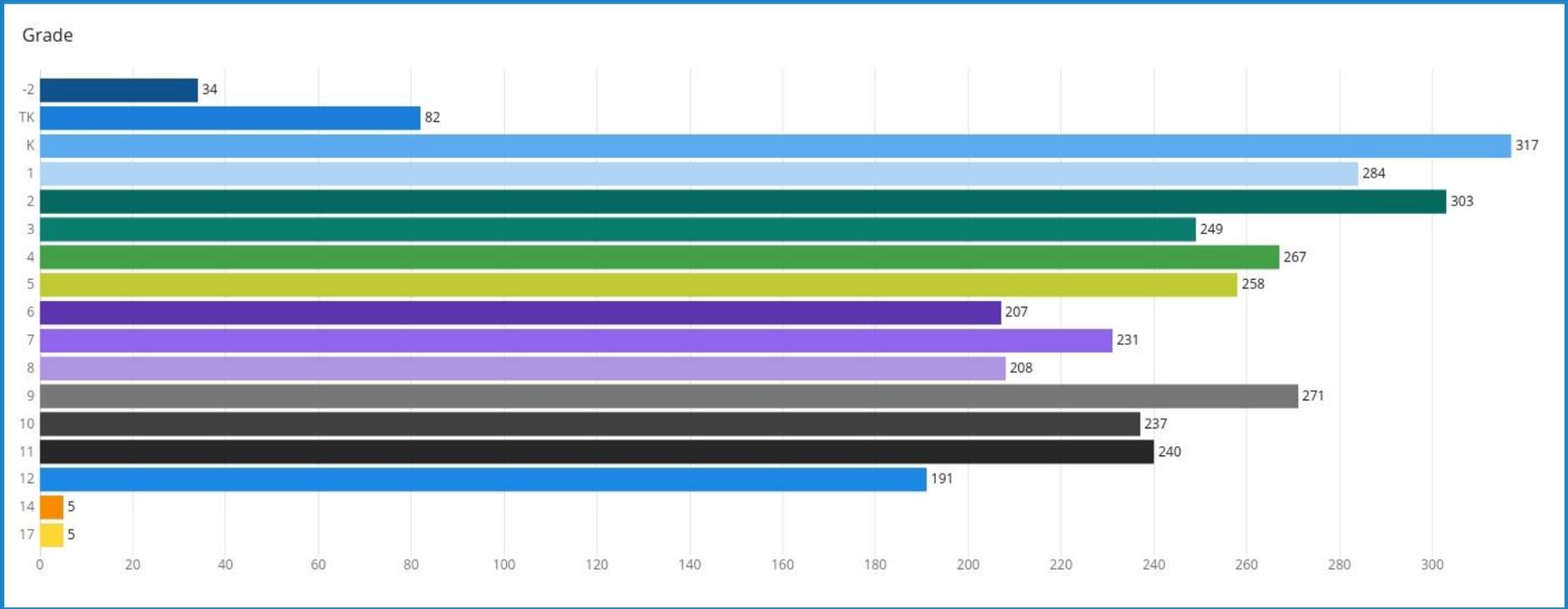
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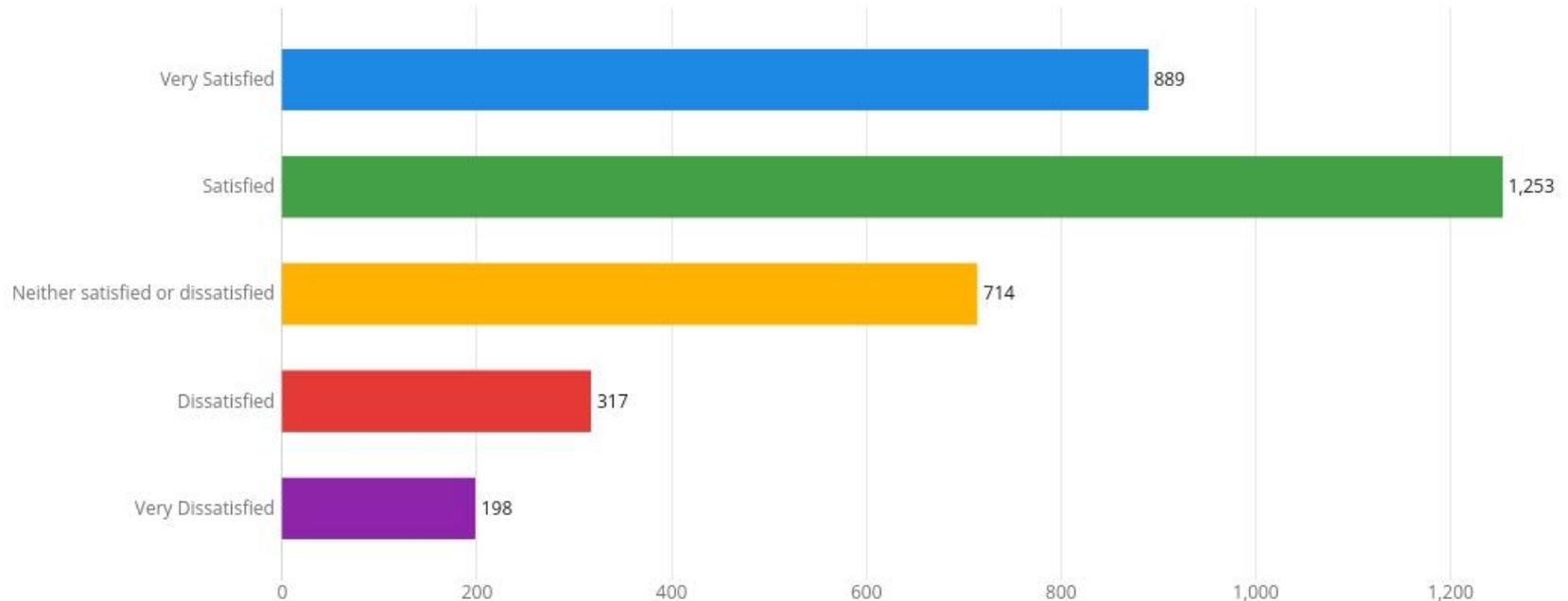
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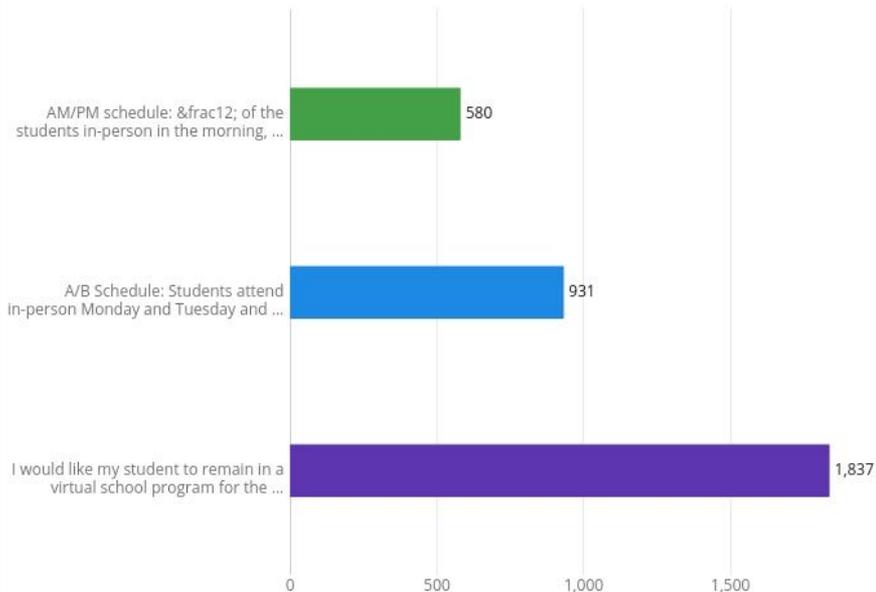
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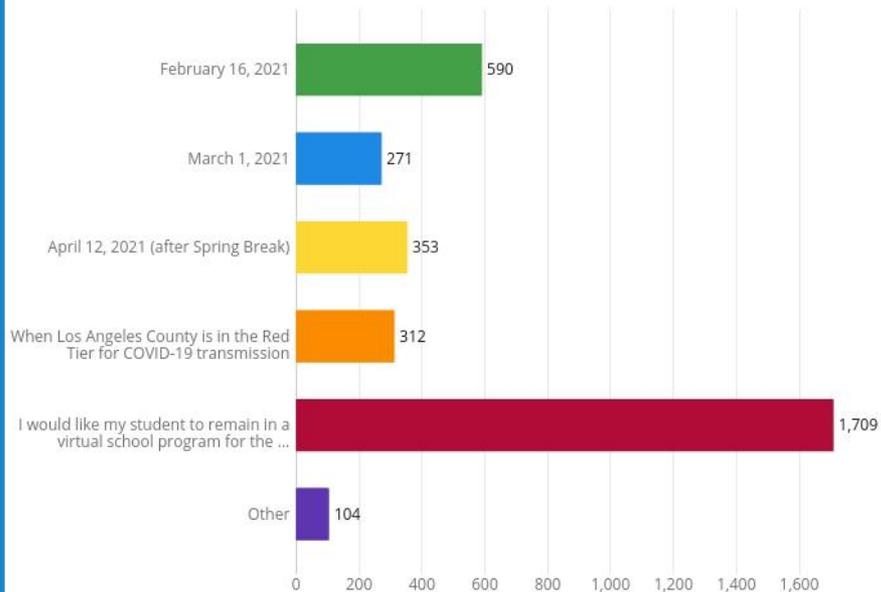
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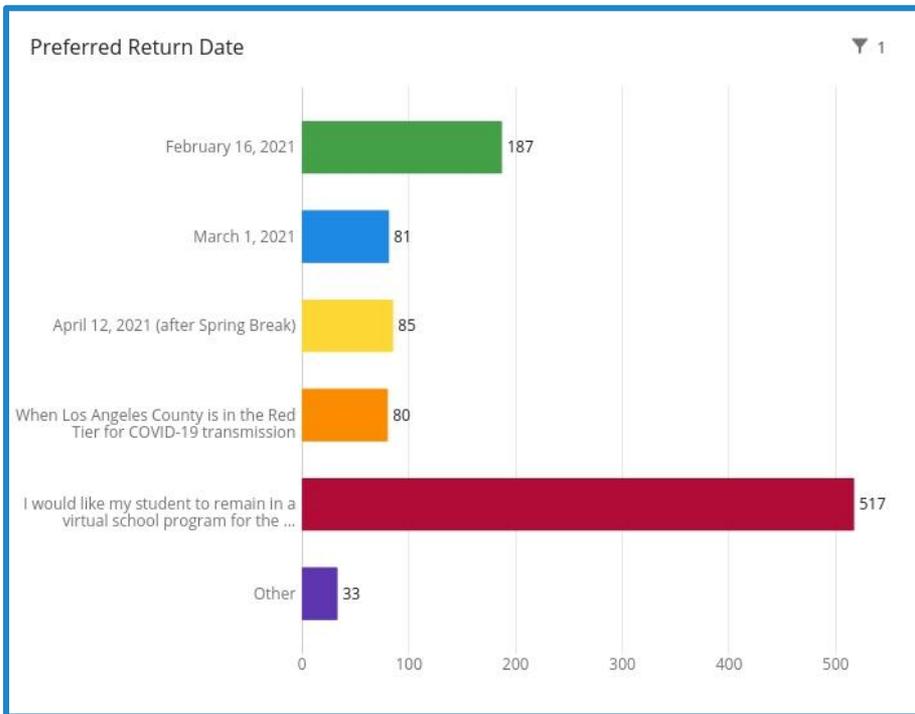
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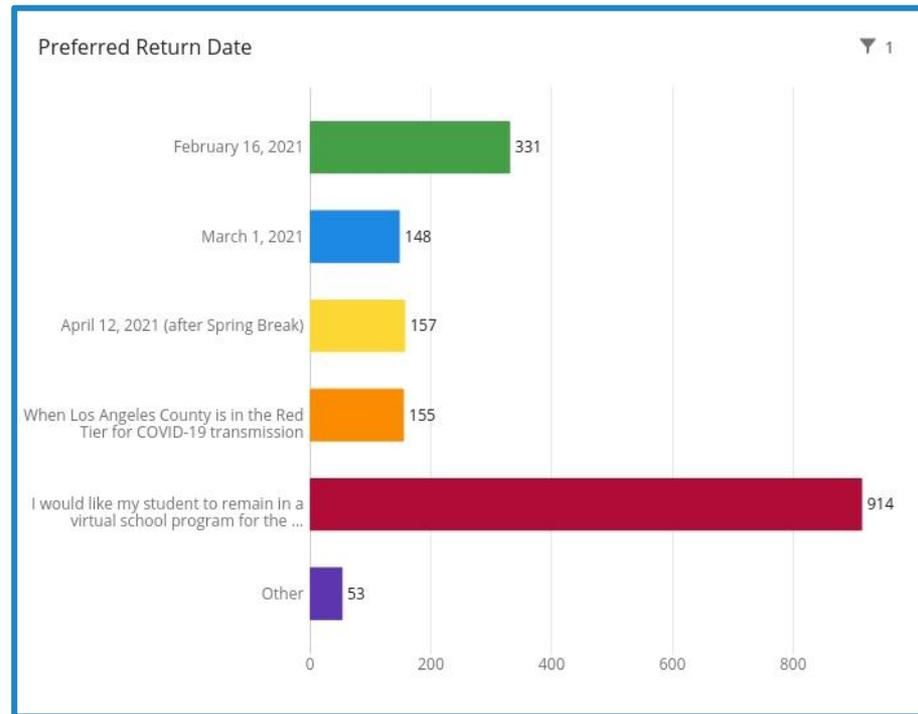
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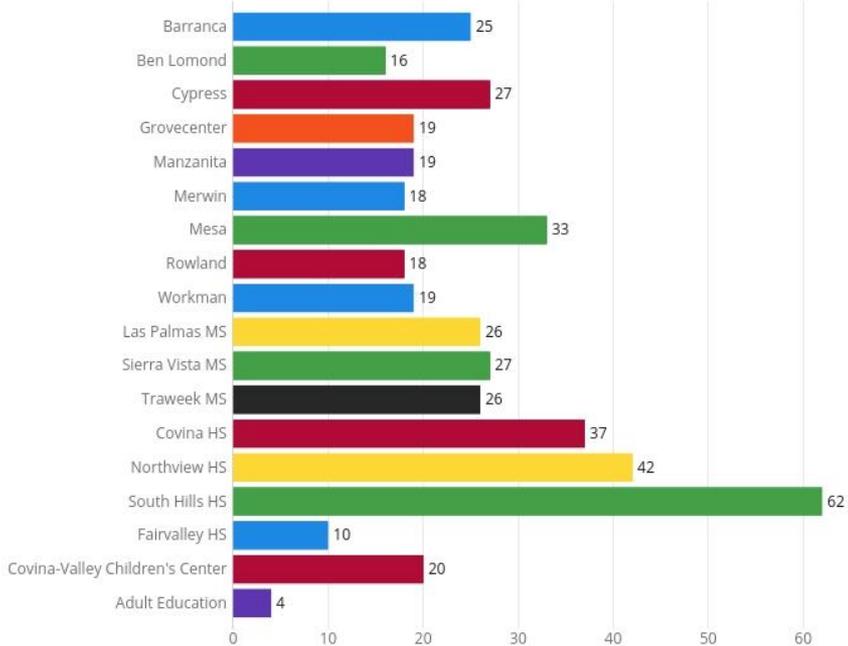
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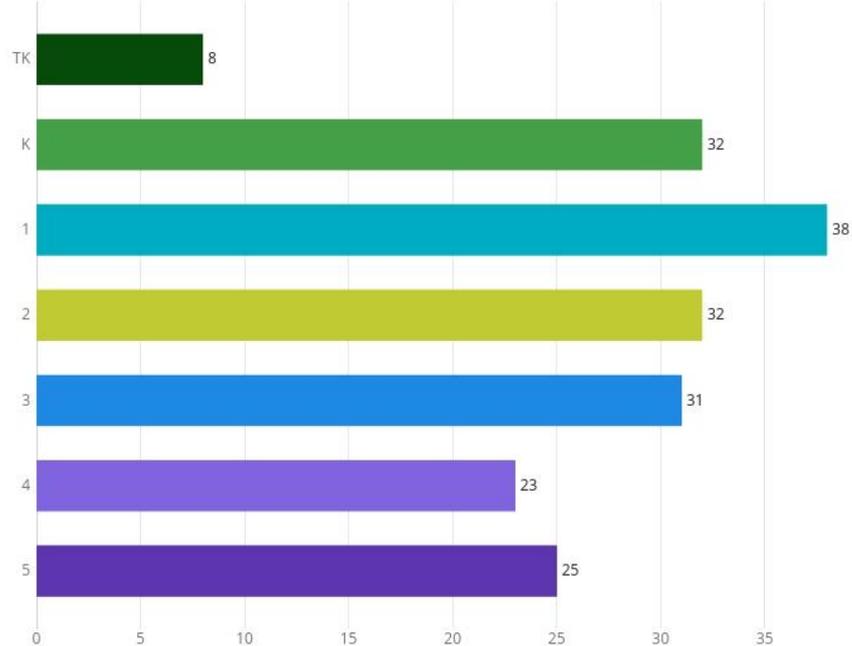
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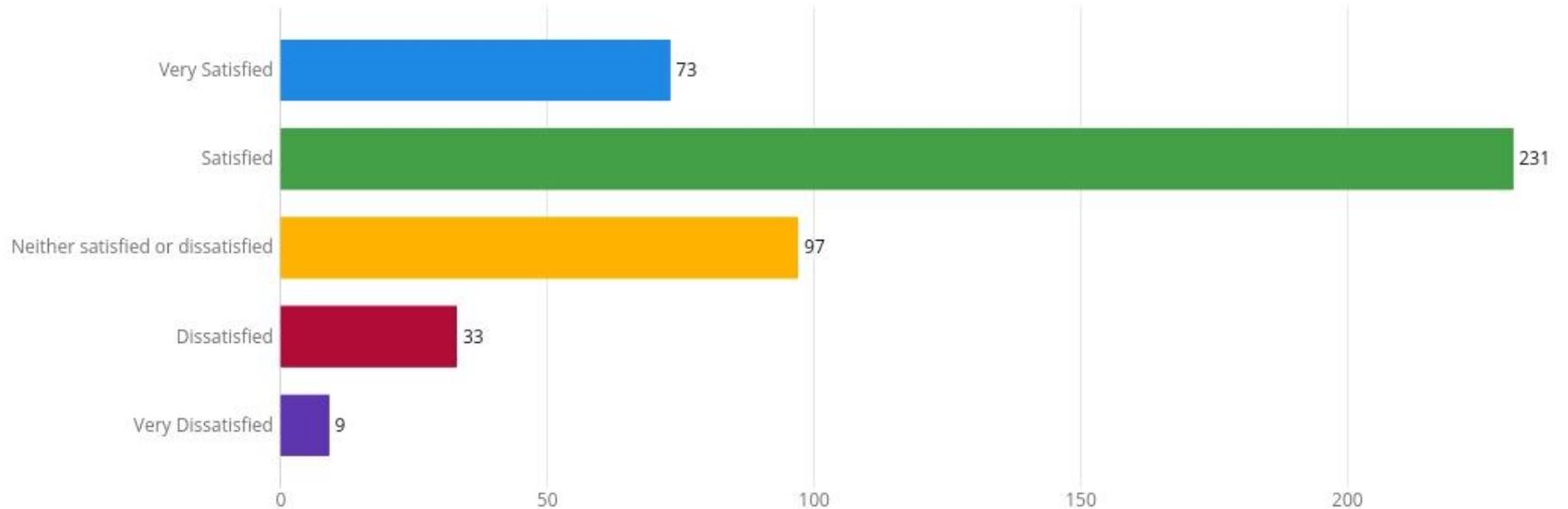
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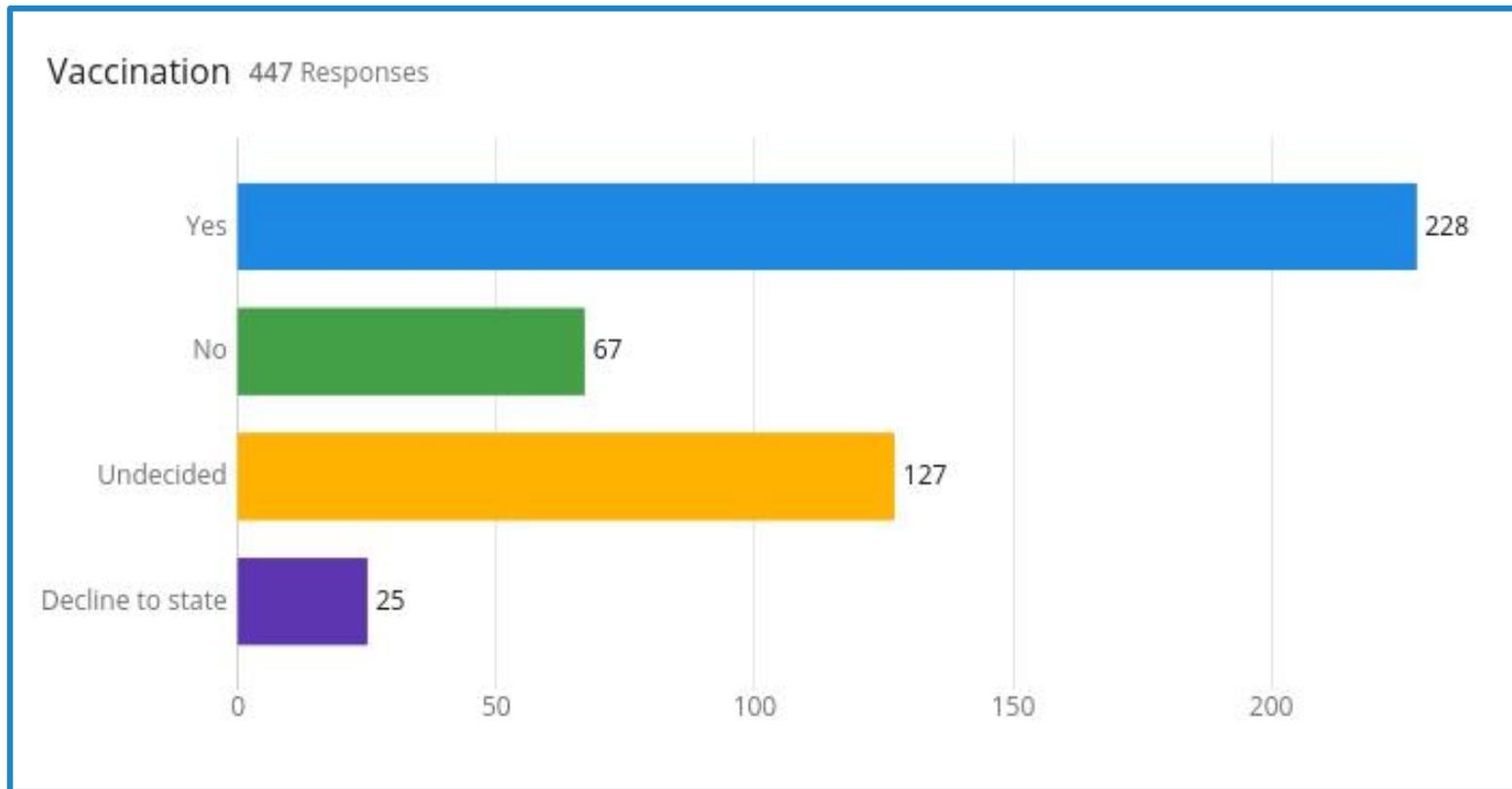
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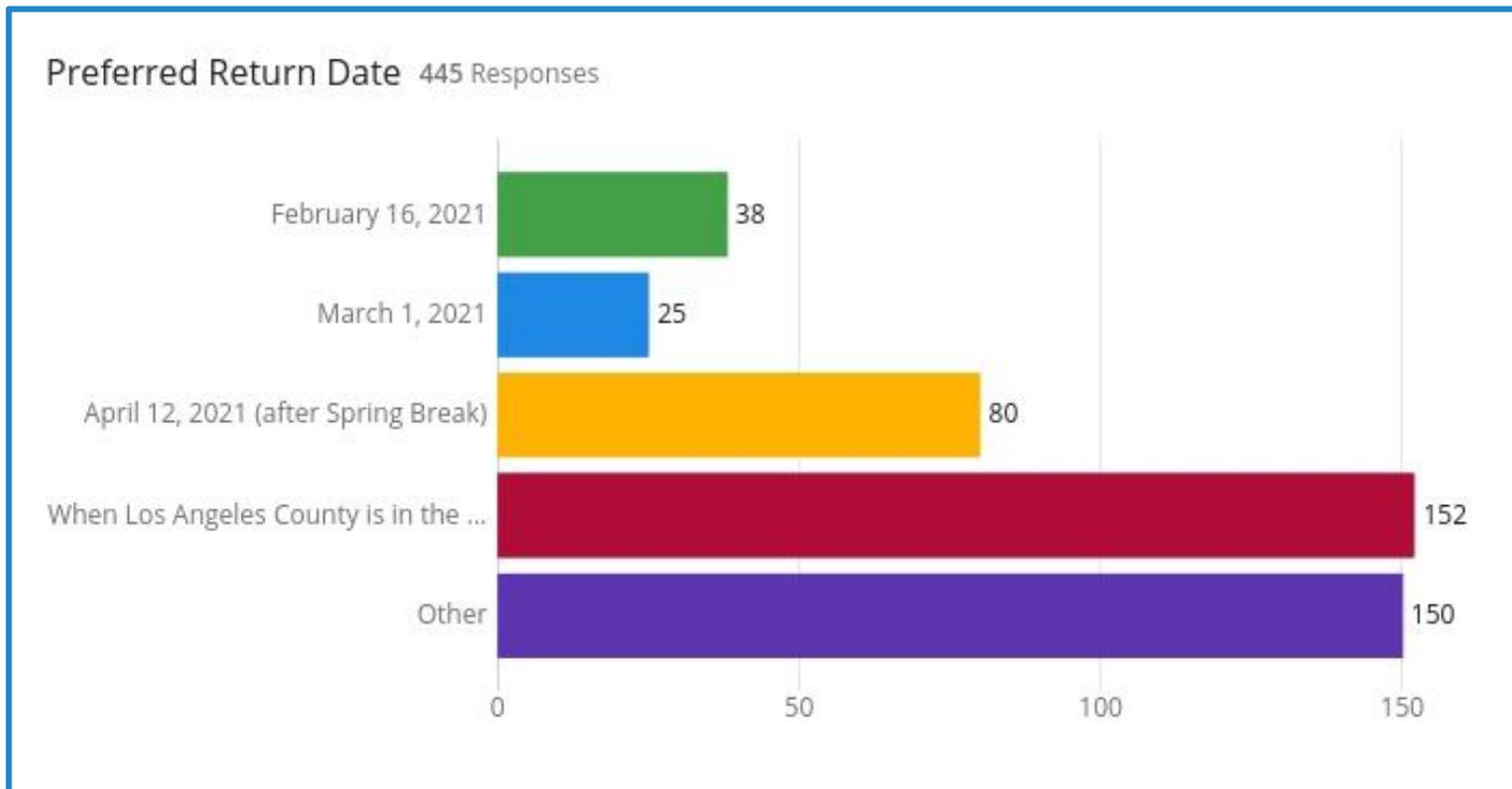
## Distance Learning Satisfaction



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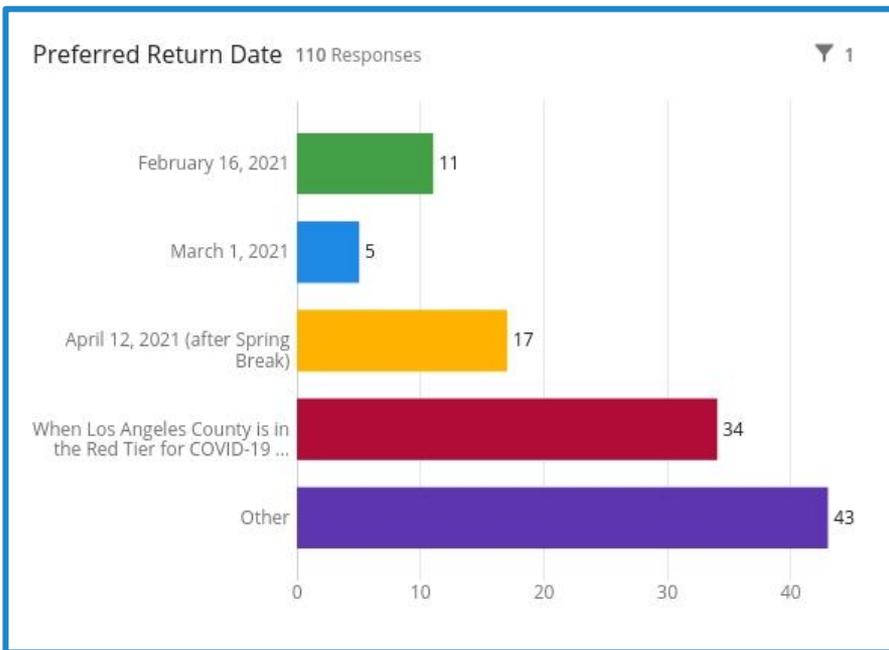
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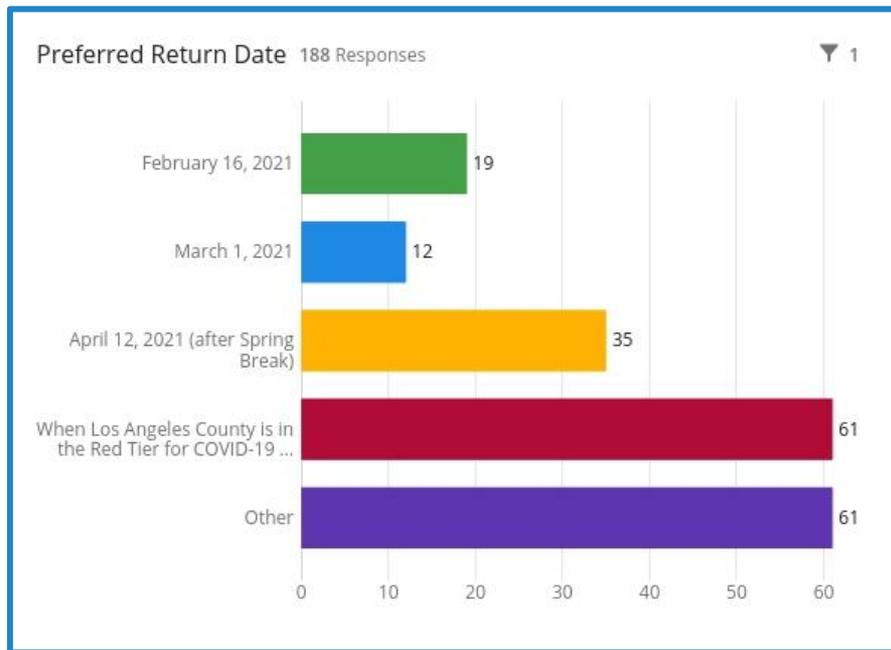
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# Permitted On-Site Programming

- Daycare for school-aged children and/or child care programs located in schools
- Specialized services for defined subgroups of children who need in-person services and Supports:
  - Students with IEPs
  - Students who are English Language learners
  - Students with needs that cannot be met through a virtual instruction platform.
  - Students present on-site may not exceed 25% of total student body at any one time
- Children in grades TK-2 by schools that have received a Department of Public Health waiver for in-person education\*
- Students may come on campus for supervised administration of college admission tests, including PSAT, ACT, and SAT exams
- Youth Sports (all activities except swim must wear a mask)
- Students may receive in-person assistance for college applications

# Small Group Cohorts

## December 1, 2020 Return

- Elementary -- Special Education Students
- Secondary -- Special Education Students and English Learners

| Level      | Approximate Number of Students Invited to Return | Confirmed |
|------------|--|-----------|
| Elementary | 301  | 173       |
| Secondary  | 788  | 349       |
| District   | 1089   | 522       |

# Athletic/Co-curricular Participation

| Covina HS        | Total      | Northview HS     | Total      | South Hills HS | Total      |              |
|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Football         | 80         | Football         | 80         | ASB            | 70         |              |
| Cross Country    | 20         | Cheer            | 30         | Football       | 70         |              |
| Cheer            | 35         | Wrestling, Boys  | 10         | Dance & Pep    | 80         |              |
| Wrestling        | 15         | Basketball, Boys | 16         | Baseball       | 60         |              |
| Basketball, Boys | 25         | Color Guard      | 12         | Volleyball     | 60         |              |
| Volleyball       | 25         | Baseball         | 26         | Wrestling      | 11         |              |
| Baseball         | 40         | Swim             | 40         | Cross Country  | 20         |              |
| Theater/Dance    | 12         | Cross Country    | 10         | Girls B-Ball   | 10         |              |
| Robotics         | 24         | Volleyball       | 35         | Boys B-Ball    | 25         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Boys Soccer    | 30         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Girls Soccer   | 40         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Boys Tennis    | 10         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Girls Tennis   | 10         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Track          | 50         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Golf           | 21         |              |
|                  |            |                  |            | Color Guard    | 6          | Grand Total  |
| <b>Totals</b>    | <b>291</b> |                  | <b>274</b> |                | <b>573</b> | <b>1,135</b> |

# Kids Korner/Fee-Based Preschool

| <b>School</b>            | <b>Number of Students</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Barranca ES</b>       | <b>24</b>                 |
| <b>Cypress ES</b>        | <b>11</b>                 |
| <b>Pioneer</b>           | <b>28</b>                 |
| <b>Pioneer Preschool</b> | <b>6</b>                  |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>69</b>                 |

# Athletics and Sports

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the CIF State Office announced that all full practice and competition start dates for the fall sports season are officially on hold
- CIF is waiting for updated CADPH guidance on youth and high school sports which is not expected to allow a return to play until after January 1, 2021, at the earliest
- In the CIF-Southern Section, the following fall sports were slated to return the month:
  - Boys Volleyball -- open for games on December 12, 2020
  - Football -- full practices on December 14, 2020
  - Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Water Polo and Cross Country opening through the rest of the month
- The CIF State Office also announced the cancellation of the fall sports regional and state championships
- CIF-SS has stated that its calendar for the 2020-21 school year "is in place and will remain in place" with the provision that schedules are likely to be delayed and some postponements and cancellations may be in line

# TK-2 Waiver Process Updates

- California Department of Public Health is currently permitting TK-6 Waivers
  - LACDPH has indicated that they will follow CADPH
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is currently permitting TK-2 Waivers
- LACDPH: 286 waivers approved (as of 1/19/2021)
  - 10 Charter Schools
  - 173 Private, Independent, or Faith-Based
  - 114 Public (Non-Charter)
- Up to an additional 50 approved per week
- The 50 schools per week will be equally distributed between the five Supervisorial Districts
- 2-3 weeks processing time at the County level prior to going to the State for approval
- Applications are scored on completion and ranked based on the number of students participating in the FRMP
- LEA's must document consultation with stakeholder groups - associations, parent groups, community groups (if applicable)
- Glendora USD is currently the only East San Gabriel Valley district with approved TK-2 waivers beginning January 4, 2021
- Christ Lutheran School in West Covina has been granted a waiver and is advertising that they are open for in-person instruction beginning January 19, 2021
- LACDPH is not approving additional TK-2 Waivers during the Regional Stay at Home Order

# State Assessments

- SBE Adopts Condensed Smarter Balanced Exams for Spring 2021.
- Condensed, temporary versions of the English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics Smarter Balanced assessments.
- Will reduce the length of the exams by approximately half.
- The revised assessments are not expected to be released until late February 2021.
- Information on the new blueprints can be found here:
  - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/yr20/documents/nov20item04.docx>

# Next Steps

- Alternative Options for Graduation
  - Planning with the High School administrative teams
  - In-person, hybrid, virtual, drive-through, and other options
- Grading
- Intensive Interventions
  - Learning Loss. Multiple “F’s”
- Graduation Requirements
- Continued Negotiations
  - Hybrid
  - Covina-Valley Learning Options Academy
- Student, Parent, Staff Feedback -- March 2021
- Legislation to Watch
  - Safe Schools for All
  - AB 10 (Ting): all schools located in areas that are Red, Orange, or Yellow to return to in-person instruction
- Long-term Academic, Social-Emotional, and Fiscal Impacts

# Questions

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