

April 14, 2021

Dear Sylvan Union School District Families,

On March 20th, the California Department of Public Health issued new guidance that reduced the minimum student social distancing requirements from 4 feet to 3 feet for in-person learning. Based upon this change, the district began exploring the possibility of combining the current in-person learning cohorts in grades 4-8 in order to increase the number of in-person learning days for these students.

Starting on Monday, April 19th, students in grades 4-8 who are currently attending in-person learning will be attending additional in-person learning days each week.

Students in grades 4 & 5, who are currently attending in-person, will attend five days per week, on a full-day schedule. Arrival and dismissal times for elementary students will remain the same.

Students in grades 6-8, who are currently attending in-person, will increase to four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., and ALL students (both in-person learning and distancing learning) will participate in distance learning on Wednesdays from 8:00-12:35. There will be no change to zero period schedules. In order to accommodate these additional days, grades 6-8 cohorts A and B were combined and students are required to attend four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday): attending two days a week is not an option.

The minimum social distancing requirements, mask requirements and the established safety measures will continue to be met.

Due to the limited classroom space, the district is unable to honor any requests for students who are currently on the distance learning platform to switch to in-person instruction. These increased days are only available for students whose families elected the in-person learning pathway for Trimester III. Families who chose Sylvan SeLECT will remain in the distance learning pathway for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

The district is very pleased to provide these additional in-person days for our students. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have been working through this process.

Kind Regards,

Eric Fredrickson Superintendent