

March 2021

Top Three from PFT

Please contact your site rep for details on the following:

1. Reopening

- Elementary Reopening
 - The survey indicates a strong majority of teachers are against changing the AM/PM model to a modified day.
 - PFT invites teachers to write to the Board or speak at tomorrow's Board meeting. Virtual and Secondary teachers are also invited to join in and support their colleagues. If you are a parent of a child on campus, you can also add your voice as a parent.
- Secondary Reopening
 - Waiver was denied by the state due to lack of "stable cohorts".
 - County cases are approaching the red tier which will allow secondary campuses to reopen.
 - Current plan is to reopen in the "cohort model" beginning Monday, March 15
 - Students will come on campus in small cohorts of 16 one day a week.
 - Please see your site rep for details

2. Vaccinations

- Teachers with vaccination appointments during the school day should request release time from their principal. District is providing 2 roving subs per site.
 - Teachers should not be asked to use personal leave time
 - Teachers should not request a sub unless asked by admin.
- If a teacher experiences systemic side effects (fatigue, chills, fever, headaches, muscle aches, nausea (for Moderna, vomiting), they should stay home and request a sub.
- There is currently a State bill (AB84/SB84) to extend FCCRA leave so that teachers will not have to use sick leave. If it passes, and teacher have already use their personal leave, they will have their leave retroactively restored.
- If the bill to extend FCCRA does not pass, PFT will work to try to negotiate leave for vaccine side effects.
- Teachers can also use Compelling Reasons Leave (3 days, 3rd day less sub pay) for absences due to vaccine side effects.

3. PFT Director opening for 2021-22

- Kris Hizal has taken the SRP and will be retiring at the end of June.
- A timeline for application will be announced after Spring Break with interviews tentatively scheduled for mid-May.
- PFT thanks Kris for his service, time, and culinary skills!

****Bonus:** The District is no longer pursuing class size increases for 2021-22.