

February 2021

Top Three (and a half) from PFT

Please contact your site rep for details on the following:

1. Inclusive Practices (formerly SAI)

- SPED Directors Heather Schauder and Tiffany King presented information on the changes to the NSH program and provided background behind the decision process to close the NSH classes.
- A 2017 State review of the PUSD's SPED program found inadequacies in the provision of "least restrictive environment". The findings initiated fundamental changes in the delivery of Special Education in PUSD.
- The SPED Directors shared that they are planning visits to all sites, targeting the most impacted sites first, to share information on the changes that will be taking place, planned training and support structures to be provided to teachers and staff.

2. Vaccine Update

- County Board of Supervisors met yesterday morning
- 294 comments were posted to their public comments page. Thank you for your advocacy!
- Supply is the main obstacle to beginning the vaccination of Tier 1B which includes teachers.
- They are willing to open vaccine access to emergency services, education, childcare, and food and agriculture as soon as SD County can get a greater supply of the vaccine.
- There are currently 4 Super Stations and 15 PODS (Point Of Dispensing Stations)

3. Reopening and COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP)

- The PUSD COVID-19 Safety Plan is now posted on the PUSD Website

https://www.powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Communications/2021/PUSD_COVID19_Safety-Plan_202102-Secured.pdf

- The CSP includes the COVID-19 School Guidance checklist, COVID-19 Prevention Plan, PUSD Health and Safety Guidelines, and PUSD School Reopening Guidebook
- Per the CA Department of Public Health (CDPH), Secondary Schools cannot reopen until the County is in the red tier. To be in the red tier, the County Case Rate needs to be at 7/100,000 people for 14 days. Once this is established, schools must wait another 5 days before reopening.
- Currently, although case rates are going down, the County remains in the purple tier with an adjusted case rate of 34.2/100,000 people.

3.5 SRP

- Only 87 participants met the February 5th enrollment deadline
- 105 were needed to trigger the SRP
- PFT met with the District and Board Members to review the fiscal savings over five years with 87 participants and to advocate for doing the SRP.
- The PUSD School Board will decide at the February 11, 2021 meeting on whether to proceed with the SRP.

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