



Plans to Phase-in Grades and Provide Extended Learning Opportunities

Board Meeting 1/14/21

The Academy of Alameda
Public Schools

Criteria for Reopening

1. Student and Staff Safety
 - a. Health and Safety Reopening Plan
 - b. County transmission rates remain low for a period of time
2. Quality of the Blended Instructional Plan
 - a. Effectively serve students in a blended environment
 - b. Effectively serve students who remain in a distance only environment
3. Staff Capacity/Sustainability of the Plan



Phase-in Plan Approach - Steps and Rationale

1. Phase in youngest students 1st
2. Phase in process should be slow and deliberate
3. Prior to phasing in grades meet with staff and families
4. Prior to phasing in grades, send out a survey to receive family input and feedback.



The Executive Director recommends to AoA's Board of Directors that:

We begin to phase in onsite learning (blended learning environment) for the following grades:

- Kindergarten to resume onsite learning in a blended environment on Monday, January 25.
- 1st grade grade to resume onsite learning in a blended learning environment on February 1
- 2nd grade grade to resume onsite learning in a blended learning environment on February 8

We continue in a distance learning environment for the following grades:

- Grade 3-5 to continue in distance learning only environment through at least February 19. A recommendation will be made to the Board for grades 3-5 at the January 14 Board meeting regarding possible reopening plans after February 19.
- Middle school students would continue in distance learning only environment through at least February 19. A recommendation will be made to the Board for grades 6-8 at the January 14 Board meeting regarding possible reopening plans after February 19.



Current (1/14) Reopening Phase-In Recommendation

The Executive Director recommends to AoA's Board of Directors that:

AoA's Board of Directors votes to rescind its reopening recommendation at the November 19, 2020 meeting due to heightened COVID-19 cases and positivity rates, and adopts the following approach when considering any possible onsite phase-in plans for the rest of the 2020/21 school year.

AoA will consider phasing in specific grade levels for onsite learning based on :

- ❑ The latest data, guidelines, and recommendations from Alameda County DPH and the State of California DPH, and**
- ❑ AoA's ability to meet the three reopening plan criteria, and**
- ❑ The Academy of Alameda will give families at least three weeks notice prior to phasing in specific grade levels to on-site learning**



Overview of Governor Newsom's Plan to Reopen Schools

The Governor's budget proposes \$2 billion in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund for in-person instruction grants.

Grant criteria includes the following:

- Submission of a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Conduct ongoing asymptomatic testing for staff and pupils
- Certify to their COEs that they have verified that each of their pupils participating in distance learning has access to a computing device, software and high-speed internet access necessary to participate in online instruction by February 1, 2021.
- LEAs applying for a grant on February 1, 2021, can begin to provide in-person instruction by February 16, 2021. LEAs applying for a grant on March 1, 2021, can begin to provide in-person instruction by March 15, 2021.





Providing Students with Extended Learning Opportunities

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Extended Learning Time

The Governor's budget proposes \$4.6 billion Proposition 98 General Fund to expand learning time with an emphasis on:

- Increasing in-person instructional minutes,
- Evidenced-based interventions, and
- Support to students that are either one-grade-level- or credit-deficient in core subject matters.
- Besides the additional proposed funds from the state, The Academy of Alameda is receiving approximately \$306,000 from the federal stimulus package signed into law on December 30.

AoA's Leadership Team will develop an extended learning plan by March 1

