

*To be shared with the Elevate School Board at the February Elevate Board meeting for review and action.*

ADOPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 TESTING FRAMEWORK FOR K–12 SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, Elevate School, serving approximately 465 students in San Diego County, has partnered with its stakeholders to keep students safe and healthy by following the California Department of Public Health guidance for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-23 School Year was updated on Nov. 10, 2022, providing additional guidance for school COVID-19 testing programs;

WHEREAS, according to Senate Bill 1479 the California Department of Public Health must coordinate local educational agency COVID-19 testing programs that are currently federally funded or organized under the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1479 requires local educational agencies, after consulting with local health department, to create a COVID-19 testing plan, or adopt the State Department of Public Health's framework;

WHEREAS, Elevate School consults with the San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency, attends the agency's monthly K-12 Education Sector Telebriefings, and receives its email updates to stay informed of the most current information and best practices;

WHEREAS, Elevate School follows the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards for employees;

WHEREAS, Elevate School hosts its own COVID-19 testing program, in addition to providing families with at-home tests;

WHEREAS, Elevate School provides resources and facilitates access for families who want to be tested at a facility, in addition to providing families with at-home tests;

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Senate Bill 1479 and best practices, Elevate School wishes to provide a COVID-19 Testing Program framework for staff, students, and families;

WHEREAS, whether staff, students and District families plan to utilize home COVID-19 tests or a medical facility/private vendor to be tested, Elevate School supports our stakeholders' need or desire to test to keep the community safe.

WHEREAS, Elevate School wishes to provide programs and services to students to mitigate the spread of the virus and enable students to stay in school;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governance Board of Elevate School adheres to and adopts the Testing Framework for K-12 Schools for the 2022-23 School Year to support safe in-person learning, as disease management is an essential priority to maintain student well-being and development.