

# BUSD REOPENING Q&A TOWN HALL - 10/21/20 - Part 1

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1	Food Services	At the middle and high school level, will they be cleaning between each class for the next set of students?	Yes.
2	Food Services	If cafeterias are not being used at any sight by food services, why would we not utilize that large (sometimes outdoor) space for temporary nurses offices and covid symptom isolation as opposed to walking them through the main offices where all will be exposed?	We have identified areas for isolation and quarantine that work best for the physical layout of each site and nurse's office.
3	Health	I'm concerned that people are asking if students/teachers can wear face shields. Those are not shown to be as safe as masks and in my opinion don't seem adequate (unless of course worn WITH a mask)	A cloth covering needs to be worn. A face shield in addition to a face covering over nose and mouth
4	Health	Will teachers have PPE BEFORE students return to the classroom? Will BUSD replenish these regularly?	Absolutely. Teachers should have been provided with all necessary PPE already and items will be replenished from inventory maintained at the District's central warehouse.
5	Health	So who monitors the hallways during class changeovers to make sure kids aren't blowing off the distancing protocols? Will teachers/staff have authority to immediately expel those who endanger other students?	Administrators and staff will be working to remind students about physical distancing and other health and safety protocols.
6	Health	If anyone test positive for Covid-19, will this information given to the public?	All staff and parents at the site will be notified if there is a case at the school site.
7	Health	Could someone please address this question: What protocols are in place in the event there are students who refuse to comply and put others at risk, for example, removing a mask and shouting in the middle of a lesson. How would that be handled since contact with a student is also risky?	A teacher should contact an administrator if a student refuses to wear a mask.
8	Health	How will BUSD handle contact tracing and/or rapid testing on-site? Will it be required for students?	Anytime there is a positive case, we conduct contact tracing per the LA Dept of Public Health. Staff or students will be referred to their health provider for testing and we also will have referrals for testing sites available.

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9	Health	If we have child care on some elementary campuses why is it not safe for children to be in classrooms for more than two hours? Should we look at outdoor classrooms or other alternatives?	Children that are currently at elementary schools are enrolled in child care. Child care programs have separate health department guidelines that allow child care to open but with strict requirements.
10	Health	Are the spaces that have been identified for covid isolation still in the office? Or have they been moved to an area that will not expose office employees.	Covid isolation areas are not in offices and should be contained areas. Please contact Student Services or your school nurse if you have concerns.
11	Health	How many COVID cases did the city of Burbank have when we closed? I was informed it was under 5 on March 13, 2020. How many cases will be deemed safe to reopen?	Here are the metrics Los Angeles County must meet. We need to reach red tier before schools can have the option of reopening <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/index.htm">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/index.htm</a>
12	Health	What the 2nd pass strategy for school reopen. we understand there are various options like Remote , Hybrid but do you have a detail plan for Hybrid.. Do you consider the fact of vaccine release.. no ETA yet ..and Winter is coming up so what time of Risk we will carry with the Reopen	Here are the metrics Los Angeles County must meet. We need to reach red tier before schools can have the option of reopening <a href="https://public.tableau.com/shared/8DH3356MQ?:toolbar=n&amp;:display_count=y&amp;:origin=viz_share_link&amp;:embed=y&amp;:showVizHome=no">https://public.tableau.com/shared/8DH3356MQ?:toolbar=n&amp;:display_count=y&amp;:origin=viz_share_link&amp;:embed=y&amp;:showVizHome=no</a>
13	Health	What are the exemptions regarding masks that were just mentioned?	<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
14	Health	Can the students wear a face shield in place of a face mask?	<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
15	Health	My concern with opting in to in person if it has to stop again --- obviously it will be as health conditions change and may be abrupt, is there any plan to help parents plan their work/childcare in those situations?	Unfortunately, we cannot predict when health conditions will require us to move back to distance learning
16	Health	If a child is showing symptoms, will the rest of the classroom be notified, in order to take proper safety measures?	If a student tests positive, then the class will be notified.
17	Health	Will the District require all staff to be tested before allowing Students to return to School.	No, that is not a public health requirement at this time.

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19	Health	Can a child get an exemption from having to wear a mask?	Only exemptions are highlighted in the following protocols <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
20	Health	I see a question about when is it deemed safe to reopen. The link below is not clickable. Can you try sharing again	<b><u>Please use the link to get more information on California's Tiered system for reopening https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/</u></b>
21	Health	Will students have their temperatures taken at school, or by their parents at home?	Student will have their temperature taken upon arrival at school but parents will also be encouraged to take it each day so they can remain home if sick.
22	Health	What type of student safety we are planning .. is it daily basic check or weekly .what is the strategy.. is there any check for each student for the test for COVID-19	Students (parents for younger) will do a daily screening every morning for a symptom check. We are not doing daily Covid-19 testing as of right now but we will continue to follow public health guidelines.
23	Health	Asking again... For those families that do not believe masks work, will there be a required "signature agreement" to protect our kids that want the safety of wearing a mask. I can see some kids not taking the mask wearing seriously if they are not following that model at home.	Students and employees must wear a mask. <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
24	Health	Would schools provide face coverings/masks to the students? or students would be required to come in wearing with that?	Students should come with mask. We will have some on hand in case they forget.

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25	Health	If there are Covid exposures in a hybrid model and students need to quarantine, will they join the classes that have opted to do distance learning with those distance learning teachers? Or will that hybrid classroom teacher start teaching these newly quarantined students remotely? So there is the possibility of having 3 groups: distance, hybrid, and exposed & quarantining that need to be taught. Is it 3 groups of teachers then?	Students who test positive and anyone exposed would be in quarantine for approximately two weeks.
26	Health	Will masks be mandated for ALL students returning to school? General Education and Special Education? There is no exclusion in the CDC guidelines for students even with disabilities, like Autism. Only medical issues.	Students will be required to wear masks and we will have masks available for those who forget or their masks are damaged. We are working with public health to provide additional PPE and measures for students in special education or with medical issues and the staff who work with those students. <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
27	Health	Are students who exhibit any "cold" symptoms that also coincide with covid-19 symptoms while at school REQUIRED to be COVID tested before returning to school?	Students with cold symptoms should stay at home and seek guidance from their health provider.
28	Health	Will there be extra in class supervision for the younger students maintaining safety health procedures? young kids can be very careless not knowing the dangerous exposure risk around other kids ,1st graders for example ?	Teachers and staff will train students on health and safety protocols and procedures. Child care is already managing this and finding effective ways to help students understand the importance of being safe.
29	Health	Who is keeping track of kids home with COVID and when they can return home? Will there be a list? Will everyone need to check in at the beginning of the day?	The District Covid Compliance Team will be monitoring all cases and working with public health. Students will be required to do a screening (staff is now) and take their temperature before and upon arrival at school.
30	Health	Will teachers check temperature? if yes, will thermometer be supplied?	The District has purchased no-touch thermometers. Our amazing classified and management staff will check temperatures at the campus entrances.

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31	Health	How can we accommodate a majority of students safely? Many of our classrooms are already overcrowded and have not met the goals of smaller class size?	The hybrid model allows us to have approximately 50% of capacity for students. We are using plexiglass dividers in classrooms where a 6 foot minimum distance cannot be accommodated. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has visited several sites and classrooms and has told us our plan meets their recommendations and protocols.
32	Health	How is the schedule going to look like at BHS?	The hybrid schedule will be the same for all schools as shown in the PowerPoint
33	Health	Will the school teams be responsible for contact tracing?	There is a team of individuals involved in contact tracing which includes the nurses, individuals from Human Resources and Student Services.
34	Health	Are teachers/staff being tested on a weekly basis?	They are not.
35	Health	What is the protocol if a child comes into a classroom and is discovered to have symptoms?	They will be sent to an isolation room where the school nurse will follow our positive case protocol. Parents will be contacted to immediately come pick up the child, and then we will verify testing, conduct contact tracing and notifications. We will follow public health guidance regarding quarantine of others exposed to the positive case.
36	Health	Will teachers be responsible for cleaning desks in between classes at the high school level?	Students will be wiping down their desks
37	Health	Even elementary students will be expected to clean their own desks/dividers?	TK through grade 3 will be in classrooms where social distancing can be implemented, so desk dividers won't be in place. We are still exploring how desks/dividers will be cleaned/disinfected for 4th and 5th grades.
38	Health	Who will do the disinfecting between classes or cohort changes?	To be determined, but likely a team effort.
39	Health	Are kids able to play together during breaks?	Under current health guidelines they must remain 6 ft apart.
40	Health	Are there any plans to hold some classes outside?	Use of outdoor areas will be encouraged.

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41	Health	How do we manage the space in the classroom for social distancing of 6 feet.. i think there would be real space problem?	We are alternating desks, removing extra furniture to allow more space, reducing student numbers by 50% and adding plexiglass dividers for each student where a minimum 6 feet distance cannot be accommodated.
42	Health	Good Question: How would the teachers handle a student who purposely puts others at risk in the classroom? How are they expected to keep others — and themselves — safe in this situation? Shouldn't we be prepared for this type of event?	We are creating district wide discipline policies regarding compliance with health and safety rules.
43	Health	Is anything being done to improve ventilation? The focus on surface disinfecting seems months out of date.	We are currently exploring several methods for air purification and killing airborne viruses/bacteria.
44	Health	Has the District purchased air cleaners (HEPA filters) for use in the classrooms?	We are currently exploring various solutions to address air quality and filtering in classrooms.
45	Health	Covid 19 is primarily airborne. What is being done to improve ventilation? Put UV scrubbers in the AC? Keep airflow through classes?	We are currently exploring various solutions to address air quality and filtering in classrooms.
46	Health	But who monitors the sites? Kids will be kids, and some will ignore stickers on the floor just to be a wiseacre. What kind of monitoring/discipline will be implemented, since it legitimately could endanger other students?	We are developing discipline policies and we will requires students to comply if they want to attend in-person learning.
47	Health	“Many cleaning supplies or household products can irritate the eyes or throat, or cause headaches and other health problems, including cancer.” - American Lung Association.  Why is it alright to send our children into an environment that isn't safe? Students shouldn't have to go through headaches, eye irritation, and throat irritation. If these cleaning supplies cause throat irritation, how will we know whether they are coughing from covid or irritation	We are following the procedures and guidelines for each product we are using to ensure safe use and application. Interpreting symptoms to identify the source of the health issue has been a challenge all along, but we will work with families to identify health issues which indicate a student should stay home (e.g. cold, flu, COVID) versus when a student should be allowed to remain at school (e.g. allergies).

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48	Health	Will there be any on-site testing? My nephew attend Yale University and has access to a rapid saliva 15 minute test. Kids are tested twice a week.	We are not currently offering on-site testing but we have referrals for testing centers.
49	Health	Will you be doing any covid testing	We are not doing on-site testing at this time.
50	Health	Will teachers be cleaning classrooms between the cohorts or will there be more custodial staff hired to reach all classrooms?	We are not hiring more custodial staff at this time. Classrooms will be cleaned between cohorts and we are finalizing details.
51	Health	Does the district have a testing plan, or have a plan to recommend testing prior to having students back on campus? Or have a plan to regularly test staff or students?	We are not requiring all students and staff do testing at this time.
52	Health	How would the logistics of the temperature check work? And would the students need to arrive early in order to allow time for it?	We are planning on students doing a screening and temp check at home and then they will get their temperature checked upon arrival. We have purchased high speed thermometers that can take a temperature in .5 seconds. We have ordered these for school sites to have at entrances and Covid Compliance teams are working on logistics.
53	Health	In the news i have seen pictures from student with crowded hallways and no social distancing. How will you handle social distance between classroom changes.	We are reducing our student numbers by 50% with the hybrid model. Each school has a Covid Compliance team that is planning out pathways, visual reminders, and other strategies for helping students maintain physical distance. For example, some hallways will be designated one way and there will be adults supervising to also help remind students.
54	Health	I assume we are discussing going back to school because our Covid numbers must have gone down from when Burbank decided not to have in-person school. What covid number threshold are you using, and if number go back up, will we go back to remote?	We are using the State guidance. We must be in the red tier before we can consider reopening <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/">https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/</a>  If we reopen and the numbers go back up, we would need to go back to distance learning.

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55	Health	There is only a 7 minute passing period at the high school, about 100 classrooms, and only about 5 day time custodians. It is not possible for them to sanitize all classrooms between periods. Who will be responsible for sanitizing desks between periods at the high school level?	We are working on a solution that would involve students cleaning their desks
56	Health	What is the protocol if someone: staff/teacher/student tests positive for Covid-19?	We have a school exposure management plan that will be posted on our website.
57	Health	For KG and Grade -1 and 2 how to make sure kids understand all the protocol and follow.?	We have been gathering and creating training and information materials for their grade level. Teachers and staff will continue to reinforce and teach students. We appreciate parents starting that now and teach students how to properly wash their hands, maintain physical distance and wear a mask.
58	Health	Since many schools have very small offices and nurse's offices, will the enclosed space for those with covid symptoms be outside or in another classroom?	We have identified separate areas for well and sick students as well as overflow isolation areas if needed.
59	Health	In lieu of a face mask, would the option of a face shield suffice?	We must follow the following protocols <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protection/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf</a>
60	Health	What measures are going to be taken to ensure safety measures are taken in hallways and bathroom? For example walking the hallways and using the restrooms.	We will be monitoring hallways. Restrooms will have markings to limit students who are in there. There will also be supervision.
61	Health	Do we actually want to believe students will comply with these flow routes when they haven't seen their friends in months?	We will do our best to teach, reinforce and enforce our health and safety guidelines.
62	Health	Will we attempt to take advantage of the outdoor space where we have it and host in-person classes outside?	We will encourage the use of outdoor space when possible and appropriate.



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63	Health	So as i understand it, no one will be monitoring distancing and crowd control and therefore no enforcement. u r assuming students will be responsible enough to follow the signs. I would love to believe that but this is not likely to happen.	We will have campus supervisors, administrators, and other staff assisting with monitoring hallways during passing period, restrooms, and other areas. We hope to have a presence along with strong communication and training with students so that they will follow health and safety guidelines. We appreciate your help in reinforcing these expectations with your children.
64	Health	Are there any PPE or cleaning supplies that BUSD is having difficulty obtaining or obtaining enough of?	We will provide masks for students who don't have them, but we are encouraging parents to send their students with their own face coverings.
65	Health	How do you plan on keeping kindergarteners 6 feet apart?	We will teach them, but you can start now and teach them how to wear a mask, how to stay 6 feet apart and how to wash your hands.
66	Health	I run a school computer lab. Who will be cleaning the computers? Teachers or custodians? Students?	We're still working on this but likely a combination of teachers, students and other site staff.
67	Health	Will staff be notified about positive cases?	When there is a positive case at a school site, all employees at that school site are notified as well as any itinerant staff who may have been on that campus.
68	Health	Will there be cleaning between classes?	yes
69	Health	What would happen if in a hybrid model and there is an exposure to COVID at school? Would students exposed then go back to online?	Yes
70	Health	About health and safety — maintain 6 feet in the class and wear mask..	yes
71	Health	Will wipes be available to students to wipe down their desk?	YES
72	Health	Will someone disinfect all used classrooms at end of each period?	Yes
73	Health	Will all students and staff be required to wear face coverings?	Yes
74	Health	Are the kids going to be wearing masks / shields?	Yes
75	Health	Do bungalow-style classrooms have merv 8 filters?	Yes

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76	Health	Are kids that are diagnosed with Covid 19 and unable to attend classes in person still attend online classes?	Yes
77	Health	Will bathrooms have lines outside or be watched for social distancing	Yes and yes.
78	Health	It was stated that the kids desks are only going to be cleaned at the end of day. What about between class changes?	YES the classroom will have cleaning supplies and the desk will be wiped down.
79	Health	If there will be desk dividers for elementary schools, will kids still need to wear masks? How high/tall are the dividers?	Yes they will still need to wear a mask.
80	Health	Will we be doing some of the basics if we're-open hybrid i.e. temp checks prior to entering school?	Yes, all students and staff will be required to have their temperature taken at the beginning of the day.
81	Health	Will children be able to wear their own plastic face shields?	Yes, as long as a face covering or neck covering is also worn.
82	Health	If a student or staff member is identified as being ill after having been to school, what happens to that group/cohort? Do they go to distance learning?	Yes, if they test positive for Covid-19.
83	Health	Are classrooms cleaned between cohorts? I know it was stated that they would be cleaned at the end of the day but nothing mentioned during the transition at lunch	YES, they will be cleaned between cohorts.
84	Health	If the majority of students opt to return in-person, can schools safely accommodate this many students given limited facilities and personnel? If not, what is the plan for selecting who returns?	Yes, we can accommodate them.
85	Health	How will children be eating during break? will there be social distancing since they can't wear a mask while they eat?	Yes, there will be social distancing.
86	Health	Will children's temperatures be taken daily before entering a classroom?	Yes.
87	Health	Will parents be informed of and expected to agree to health protocols, safety issues, exposure, positive test results communication, and shut down policies?	Yes.
88	Health	Are the Covid Compliance officers at each site current staff members?	Yes.

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89	Health	Will students be encouraged to stay home if anyone in their HOUSEHOLD is sick?	Yes.
90	Health	What happens when the child is in home isolation. Will they be able to do virtual classes so they don't miss school?	If it is just one student, they will work with their teacher to make up their assignments. If it is a class, they will move to distance learning.
91	Health	Can parents also send hand sanitizer/wipes with children for use throughout the day?	Yes.
92	Health	Will temperatures be checked on each student as they enter? this process is being done using a big a scanner at many facilities including hospitals	Yes. We have purchased no-touch thermometers and they will be placed at entrances and gates and students will be taught and directed to get their temp check before entering.
93	Health	Will temperatures be taken upon arrival to school?	Yes. We purchased no-touch, high speed thermometers.
94	Health	Will kids be taken their temperature? if so, when and where?	Students will take temperatures upon arrival and before entrance to school. We have purchased no-touch thermometers that read temps quickly.
95	HR	How will you determine which BUSD teachers will staff this APEX platform?	An application for teachers will be distributed on Friday.
96	HR	by when are teachers required to select how to go back?	The application will be sent out on Oct. 23 and will need to be returned by Oct. 30.
97	HR	Is there sign off /agreement on the current hybrid plan from the bargaining units?	We are working collaboratively with our union partners to create a hybrid model MOU. There is no final document at this time.
98	Instruction	What is the proposed "schedule" for learning? ie: 1 set of students 2 days a week 2nd set the other two days?  Or are we still entertaining the 1/2 day per student set model?	Answered live and schedule in powerpoint
99	Instruction	Will options for 6th Graders specifically be addressed? What is APEX? Will 6th graders be viewed as Middle Schoolers?	APEX is the platform used to deliver instruction to the students. It dispenses the curriculum. The kids will remain at their middle school. They are considered middle schoolers.

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100	Instruction	Can students stay in their AP class if they choose Apex?	APEX offers AP classes. However, they do not have all the AP classes that the high school offers.
101	Instruction	Will the district be re-evaluating the asynchronous learning curriculum for distance and/or hybrid learning. Or will it be staying the same for the remainder of the year? Everyone's situation is different but my experience is it's been very much a struggle at home.	As of now, we are planning no changes. I would encourage you to contact the teacher and principal for assistance.
102	Instruction	I submitted via email, too, but I am curious how the Dual Immersion Program will continue to work. Will students only continue to get their teacher via distance learning if a majority in their class choose distance learning?	Because Dual Immersion is a small program, we cannot speculate until we see the numbers, but parents should be prepared for a new teacher.
103	Instruction	How will instruction be different for students that remain distance learners as opposed to those who return (high school)? Will cameras be set up in the class so everyone receives the same material/lectures?	Distance Learners will be working on an online platform called APEX. They work independently with teacher support to complete their coursework.
104	Instruction	If we "commit" on Friday, is this a final answer, or are we going to be asked again when it gets closer to reopening? Thank you!	Final- unless health conditions change our plans.
105	Instruction	if we choose the 100% distance learning model, will the curriculum be the same as it is now? (1st grade)	For elementary grades, the curriculum will continue to be the core BUSD curriculum. This will be discussed in more detail during the presentation.
106	Instruction	If a student chooses to be 100% online, will they have to enroll in ILA?	For grades 7-12, that is the case.
107	Instruction	Will school hours be 8-3 if Hybrid or will it be 8-12?	In-person instruction will be half day, with two cohorts of students operating in an AM/PM model. This will be discussed in more detail in the presentation.
108	Instruction	My thoughts are most parents that want kids to come back may just opt out and do actual homeschool? Distance learning isn't working In our house with 4 kids home.	Information on homeschooling and State legal and affidavit requirements are on the California Dept of Education website
109	Instruction	If returning in person, will our child have the same teacher?	It will depend on how many students select each model. We will not be able to guarantee the same teacher.

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110	Instruction	Does ILA offer all of the AP classes?	Most, but not all
111	Instruction	Will elementary students keep the same teacher if they choose 100% remote?	Students who choose 100% distance learning are more likely to have a new teacher.
112	Instruction	Will students rotate classes in middle school and high school or will they stay in one class for all subjects? And will classrooms be cleaned in between classes?	Students will rotate and classes will be cleaned.
113	Instruction	If students return to campus, will they be allowed to work on paper and get off of the computer? I've heard of other districts bringing them back only to have students sit on laptops all day.	Teachers are eager to use more than computers in the classroom.
114	Instruction	Are there any plans to take the younger students outside to get some fresh air? Continuing social distancing in place but to give them a break from the face mask,	Teachers will be encouraged to use outdoor spaces. We will follow guidance from public health and try to accommodate mask breaks outside as long as it is safe.
115	Instruction	How does APEX pick up on a course half way trig the year? Or ILA give half year credit for what has already been done?	The classes are divided at the semester. So all students would receive credit for what they have completed.
116	Instruction	If you choose hybrid or DL will you be able to change our mind later?	The commitment form asks parents to commit to either distance learning or hybrid learning through the remainder of the school year. The district cannot guarantee that there will be an allowance to change based on classroom configurations.
117	Instruction	Why will distance learners be given a new teacher? Will they be teachers already in the district...or will new teachers be hired?	The distance learning teachers will be BUSD teachers who are already employed with the District. As always, if there is a need to hire additional teachers, we will evaluate that need and recruit if necessary. Because we will have a need for teachers in both distance and hybrid learning, some teachers may be reassigned. We do not anticipate hiring teachers at this time.
118	Instruction	Why a hybrid model and not full return?	The health metrics do not permit it.

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119	Instruction	How can a middle schooler continue with distance learning with 6 classes half finished to ILA which is only one class a a time?	The kids will take the second semester of each subject on APEX. They can complete a second semester worth of work in 22 days. They will do that one subject at a time. There is enough time to complete the second half of their 6 classes.
120	Instruction	Some districts that have opened are doing two full days instead of 4 half days, wouldn't that be easier on parents as well as cleaning staff and protocols?	The Reopening Committee considered several options and a half day AM/PM model reduces risk during lunchtime gatherings and allows students to connect with teachers 4 days a week.
121	Instruction	Why was the AM/PM model chosen instead of the alternating day schedule?	<p>The reopening committee considered several options and selected the half day AM/PM model. The primary reasons were concerns about the lunch time gathering, increased exposure to other students, added cleaning time, and the desire to have students connect with teachers 4 days a week instead of 2.</p> <p>2. Parents and guardians need to make the decisions that are best for their respective families.</p>
122	Instruction	Will siblings be grouped in the same AM or PM session?	<p>The reopening committee considered several options and selected the half day AM/PM model. The primary reasons were concerns about the lunch time gathering, increased exposure to other students, added cleaning time, and the desire to have students connect with teachers 4 days a week instead of 2.</p> <p>2. Parents and guardians need to make the decisions that are best for their respective families.</p>
123	Instruction	I tuned in late, what is the timeline for the hybrid return?	The return to hybrid is based on the LACDPH allowing the District to reopen schools. That decision is based upon the COVID rate in Los Angeles County.
124	Instruction	Would it be possible to pool students from Disney and McKinley to make 1 full hybrid and 1 full distance cohort for each grade?	This is one option that will be explored for the dual immersion program

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125	Instruction	Follow up to my question - I haven't been in a classroom at either of my children's schools that could accommodate 6 ft distance with the full class in attendance. How would a full class be accommodated in this situation with a single teacher?	The students are broken down into two groups. An A group and a B groups. That means that only half the kids are in the class for either am or pm. We will also have a partition for every student.
126	Instruction	In person school - can we opt out and continue to do online in this education year?	There will be a Distance Learning option available for the entirety of the school year.
127	Instruction	I heard you talk about sports, what is being done for our drama / dance and choir groups in order to provide the same opportunity as is being planned for sports?.	We are currently working with public health and sites to create protocols for these classes.
128	Instruction	How will electives work in the hybrid model?	We are currently working with public health tolan for electives as parameters have recently changed.
129	Instruction	Are parents able to choose AM/PM schedule or would that be assigned?	We are not able to accommodate parent choice of schedule at this time.
130	Instruction	Will parents be allowed to volunteer in person in a hybrid model and if yes, how often will they be required to test?	We are not allowing volunteers at this time. We will continue to follow public health guidelines. We appreciate our volunteers but need to limit them right now when it comes to being physically present on campus.
131	Instruction	What is the latest with the Elementary Waiver applications?	We are not applying for the Elementary waiver.
132	Instruction	What about other extra curricular like choir or dance - will these activities resume with same protocols as athletics?	We are reviewing those classes along with sports protocols and safety measures. We are working with public health to plan for each of these classes.
133	Instruction	Will we do a poll to see how many might want full time vs distance learning? If it is a small enough percentage for classrooms by county standards, could that be an option?	We are sending out a commitment form during the next week.
134	Instruction	Will band and choral students be able to play/sing in the classroom?	We are working with public health to plan these classes following health and safety guidelines.
135	Instruction	Will you be hiring more teachers for the hybrid model? will teacher X be teaching both hybrid and distant learning students?	We will not be hiring more teachers. Teachers will be teaching either in the DL model or in the hybrid model. There might be some exceptions.

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136	Instruction	Page 22 of Slide Presentation 100% Distance Learning - Secondary - Mentioned the "Electives are limited in the APEX Learning program". What happens to those students who have already opted in and learning 0 Periods currently. Would they continue to be learning those 0 Periods online or they will be discontinued if they opt for 100% Distance Learning Model instead of Hybrid Model?	We will try to accommodate, but it depends on the elective. I would advise contacting Dr. Paramo directly with your specific elective.
137	Instruction	Would we be able to choose if our kids get to have the same A/B slot?	We will try to assign siblings to the same slot.
138	Instruction	Is there any hope or discussion of the elementary kids having the same teacher?	we will try, but it will depend on how many students choose each model.
139	Instruction	Can students bring their own laptops during In Person School days? Instead of using the School Provided laptops.	Yes, if they want. They can use the BUSD-Guest wireless network. It has the same restrictions as our K-5 students. Concerns would be damage or lost/stolen devices.
140	Instruction	Will teachers be encouraged to conduct class outdoors when weather permits? Also, will elementary school kids still have access to playground equipment?	Yes, to going outside when they can. Playground equipment will be dependent on health guidelines
141	Instruction	Will secondary students be rotating classrooms in-person?	Yes.
142	Instruction	Do the students have the option to continue school from home?	Yes.
143	Instruction	Will families have the option of choosing between hybrid and at-home schooling?	Yes. There will be a commitment form sent home at the end of the week that will need to be returned by the published deadline.
144	Operations	Cleaning bathrooms only twice a day doesn't seem like nearly enough for the amount of kids. Can that be increased?	We do not have the staffing to clean bathrooms more frequently
145	Operations	You mentioned children will have to remain six feet apart while eating but that they not have to remain six feet apart while playing? Who will monitor them keeping their masks on while playing?	Campus supervisors, lunch supervisors, administrators and other staff will monitor students and continue to reinforce health and safety guidelines.
146	Operations	What does the cleaning procedures mean..the computers?	Cleaning keyboards, mice, external surface areas of laptops.



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147	Operations	How many custodians does each campus have? Specifically High School and Elementary.	Custodial staffing at each site is based on staffing ratios/standards issued by the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO).
148	Operations	Follow up to my question - I haven't been in a classroom at either of my children's schools that could accommodate 6 ft distance with the full class in attendance. How would a full class be accommodated in this situation with a single teacher?	In hybrid only half the students would return for either an AM or PM session.
149	Operations	Will it be possible to instal automatic faucets in the bathrooms so children can wash hands without touching faucets	Installing automatic faucets would be a great idea but is cost prohibitive at this time.
150	Operations	Who will be cleaning between classes at the secondary level?	Students will wipe down their desks
151	Operations	Library and other service — does that apply the 6 feet..	Yes
152	Operations	Are you hiring additional janitorial staff	No
153	Operations	Who will be cleaning classrooms between cohorts?	Custodians
154	Operations	How will Lunch be handled?	Lunch will be eaten at home
155	Operations	What is the limit of students and adults for the classroom?	Maximum occupancy depends on the size of the class and number of students. Most classes will be from 10-12 in elementary and 12-14 in secondary. However, there will be some exceptions like PE and elective classes. We are working on health and safety plans for those classes.
156	Operations	Would those new filters be available by January?	MERV 13 filters would be available by January but we're not sure they're the solution as they would overtax many of our current HVAC units.
157	Operations	Are hvac filters at least merv 13 at each site?	MERV 8 currently. We are exploring MERV 13.
158	Operations	Since HVAC system is not where it should be, will open windows and doors be mandatory regardless of weather conditions	Opening doors and windows for increased ventilation is encouraged but will put stress on our HVAC units if run under these conditions.
159	Operations	Can we consider hiring or elevating a janitorial position to a "Sanitation Specialist" someone dedicated to keeping kids safe and surfaces clean?	Our Facilities Team, working with Student Services and our District Nurse, have developed specifications and cleaning/disinfection procedures, and our custodial staff will receive ongoing trainings.

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160	Operations	Will the playground be open during break for those who choose hybrid learning? If so, what is the cleaning protocol in place?	We will continue to monitor their guidelines.
161	Operations	Who are the Covid Compliance officer at each site?	Please contact the school principal to find out the members of the Covid Compliance Team.
162	Operations	If you need to get a chromebook for your child now, can you still get them? What would be the process for this?	Please contact the Technology Department and they will provide your student a Chromebook. The Help Line is (818) 729-3401.
163	Operations	How will distancing and crowd control be enforced??	Please see our reopening video posted on the website.
164	Operations	How will young kids understand health guidelines ? 6ft apart? seems impossible..	Please watch our reopening video.
165	Operations	Are plexiglass being installed in class and/or office, staff lounge, etc?	Plexiglass has been installed in high traffic areas and around office spaces where a 6 foot minimum physical distance cannot be maintained.
166	Operations	Will students be in only one classroom the entire day or will they move through the hallway from class to class?	Secondary students will move from class to class. Pathways and physical distancing reminders are planned to facilitate physical distancing.
167	Operations	Will doors/windows in classrooms remain open for ventilation while students are in session?	That is a recommended option although running the air conditioning with doors/windows open can cause issues with our HVAC units.
168	Operations	Many of the food items provided by BUSD require heating. Will there be a microwave or other mechanism available for students to warm food on premise?	The am/pm hybrid model would mean students can eat at home since they would only be on campus in the morning or afternoon.
169	Operations	Where will students eat and who will supervise?	The AM/PM schedule precludes the need for lunch.
170	Operations	How is all this accommodation funded given the BUSD budget is already under siege?	The District received over \$10 million in one-time COVID funding to assist with the purchase of PPE, technology, distance learning, learning loss mitigation.
171	Operations	Why that weekly basic.. technical 3 to 4 days virus life cycle so need more frequent clean up	The weekly basic is supplemental to the daily cleanings.

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172	Operations	Who is doing all this cleaning? It seemed like the custodians were struggling to keep up with the rest rooms, etc. before Covid. Will they have more staff?	There are not plans currently to add custodial staff. Current staff in other areas - Food Services, campus security - will be allowed flexibility to assist in cleaning high touch areas throughout the day. Custodians will continue to be responsible for cleaning restrooms.
173	Operations	When/If we go back to hybrid. Will laptops be needed at school? Should students bring their own equipment if we do not have a district one?	There will be a limited number of computer carts available for kids to use in the classroom if the lesson being taught warrants a computer. There is no need to bring a laptop to school each day.
174	Operations	Will there be air purifiers in the classrooms?	We are exploring several methods to improve air quality and ventilation, including in classroom air purifiers.
175	Operations	What if classrooms do not have doors or windows to open? They are inside main buildings with fire windows that do not open.	We are looking at other ways to improve ventilation in addition to open doors/windows. There is concern about running air conditioning with open doors and windows and the negative effect that could potentially have on our HVAC units.
176	Operations	Will the air be sprayed/ cleaned in between classes?	We are not currently planning on spraying/cleaning air in between classes but are exploring other ways to address air quality and ventilation.
177	Operations	Is the District going to hire more custodians for all this cleaning	We are not planning on hiring more custodians at this time. We have and are working with our employee groups for flexibility which would allow some employees to be redeployed and/or to assist in cleaning/disinfecting high touch areas throughout the day.
178	Operations	Will wipes be available to wipe toilet seats	We are not planning on providing wipes for toilet seats at this time.
179	Operations	When will these HVAC and ionization systems be in place?	We are working to have a system in place for when students return. Funding is a challenge. The following EdSource article addresses the need well: <a href="https://edsource.org/2020/to-safely-reopen-schools-we-have-to-talk-about-indoor-air-quality-and-ventilation/640701">https://edsource.org/2020/to-safely-reopen-schools-we-have-to-talk-about-indoor-air-quality-and-ventilation/640701</a>

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180	Operations	Will there be plexiglass around desks in the classroom setting?	We have ordered dividers for student desks where a 6 foot minimum distance cannot be accommodated.
181	Operations	Would you consider hiring additional staff to assist with cleaning in between classes.	We have worked with our bargaining units to allow flexibility with some staff who will be assisting in cleaning/disinfecting high touch areas throughout the day. We are also looking at the possibility that teachers/students may also be assisting. At this time, the hiring of additional staff is cost prohibitive.
182	Operations	Will students be given "personal folding shields" for in person classes?	We ordered plexi dividers for classrooms where it may be difficult to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
183	Operations	what is our protocol to drop off and pick up the kids and access to office too	We will be giving parents more information on entering and exiting school. Parents are asked to use email and phone to communicate with office.
184	Other	Used the QR code on your backdrop. It takes you to a website but you can't join because the Paypal link does not work.	Thank you for trying! :-) You can visit the Burbank Council PTA website at <a href="http://BurbankCouncilPTA.org">BurbankCouncilPTA.org</a> to join your local PTA.
185	Other	Why is most of California and the rest of the nation back to school???	They have better COVID health metrics than Los Angeles county
186	Other	Don't you think this subject that you are talking right now is something that we have to talk about 2 weeks before opening schools? Based on Dr. Hill's remarks, the earliest we can open up schools is in January. Why are we discussing this issue now?	We are preparing now so we're ready whenever it is that students return to school. There have been supply chain issues with disinfecting supplies and PPE, so we are making plans now to ensure we have what we need, wherever the timing of reopening falls.
187	Other	The question is do we have to follow LAUSD reopening or just county guidelines?	We do not follow LAUSD guidelines; we follow guidelines from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH).
188	Other	I submitted via email, and am wondering if the online learning model is being explored as a permanent option in BUSD? Maybe 1 teacher per grade could continue with online learning depending on the need? We are seeing a lot of unexpected advantages to this model.	We have not discussed this yet, but we can consider this when we debrief and plan for the future.

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189	Other	Could we get visual examples of all of the cues and signs to explain to our children what they mean?	Yes. Please see our reopening video and principals will be posting picture on their website.
190	Other	I would like to know if there will be childcare options for employees?	Yes. There will continue to be a discounted ATB rate for BUSD employees
191	Social Emotional	For social distance learning, what additional practices is Burbank thinking about to facilitate socialization with students. For our younger kids especially, it's been tough for them to "play" with others.	Please reach out to the intervention specialist and staff at your school site. They have small groups and support for students who need help or who are struggling.
192	Social Emotional	Teachers have done a fantastic job with distance learning, but even so, in-person school is imperative for their social-emotional health. Will you take into account the needs of the whole child when deciding if a hybrid will be offered? Covid is not the only risk we need to manage. It is just one of them: suicide, drugs, alcohol, too much screen time, isolation, and depression offers great risks to them as well.	Thank you for your input. We understand the devastation and challenges the pandemic is having on our students and community.
193	Social Emotional	I am worried that so much learning from a screen is really negatively affecting my child. Is the District doing anything to address this?	There are strategies for structuring the school day and imbedding breaks and varied activities under the "Digital Resources for Students and Families" on our website. You can also contact your intervention specialist regarding small group activities and additional opportunities for engagement.
194	Social Emotional	Will kids be playing on the playground?	There will be movement breaks, but they will need to maintain 6ft distance.
195	Special Ed	We keep hearing about special ed students being the first to be able come back, but there hasn't been any further info on what that timeline looks like. My kid is struggling at home and not having in-person services is really detrimental to her growth and success. What is a realistic ETA on when special ed kids will be allowed back?	We are exploring the possibility of bringing back some SPED students in small cohorts before opening in hybrid. A date for these cohorts has not been established. There will be a Q&A session for our Special Education families on Tuesday, 10/27 at 6pm-7:30pm. Please RSVP and send questions in advance to <a href="mailto:Kelliedevries@burbankusd.org">Kelliedevries@burbankusd.org</a>