

# Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

## Special Hearing on Safe Re-Opening and Economic Recovery

Dr. Deborah A. Flores, Superintendent  
Gilroy Unified School District  
Friday, June 5, 2020



# Impact of Shelter in Place

- All Gilroy Unified schools have been closed for 12 weeks.
- June 5 is the last day of school
- Essential services have been provided during this time including:
  - \* Distance learning for all students (11,200)
  - \* Distribution of 3,500 computers, 350 hotspots and hard copies of materials
  - \* 4,000-5,000 meals per day served at 7 school sites or transported by bus (320,000 meals)
  - \* Necessary custodial, landscaping, and upkeep of facilities
  - \* Essential district office functions
- GUSD is offering a reduced summer school program for 3 weeks through distance learning beginning on June 12, 2020.



# Planning for Fall 2020

- Dr. Flores formed a Fall 2020 Planning Committee which has been meeting for over a month
- There are 30 members on the committee and includes three subcommittees;
  - \* Health & Wellness, Operations and Teaching and Learning
- The committee is planning for two scenarios for the fall 2020:
  - \* full distance learning in student's homes
  - \* blended learning model which would combine some instruction in the school buildings with the remainder of the week in distance learning (in homes)

*The Santa Clara County Public Health Department will provide direction to districts later this summer regarding if students and staff may return to campuses and under what conditions.*



# Needs Going Forward

- The impact of COVID19 has been costly, over \$674,000 so far and more to come.
- Additionally, districts are facing a 10% reduction in funding for the next school year (2020-21) which will require major reductions.
- The digital divide in Gilroy is significant - most of our disadvantaged families do not have computers and internet connections. *More Chromebooks and hotspots are needed.*
- The meals program is encroaching on the district's general fund and will continue to do so, but we are firmly committed to this program. *Almost 60% of GUSD families qualify for free and reduced meals.*
- The District has had some success acquiring PPE's but more help from the state and county would be appreciated.
- SLS and PEI are needed more than ever due to the impacts of COVID19 on our neediest families and we ask that the Supervisors support continued funding for these programs.

# Thank you

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**QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
PHASES OF COVID-19 AND PLANS, GUIDELINES, AND NEEDS  
RELATIVE TO THE SAFE OPENING OF BUSINESSES AND OTHER  
INSTITUTIONS**

**Company/Organization Name:** Gilroy Unified School District

**Industry/Sector:** Public School

**Date:** June 4, 2020

1. Are you open or partially open? **NO**
  - a. Are you an essential business? **YES**
  - b. Are you open under an exception such as: **NO**
    - i. Outdoor Business?
    - ii. Pickup/Delivery?
    - iii. Curbside Retail?
    - iv. Food Distribution?
  - c. Have employees and customers cooperated with the health safety protocols? **YES**
  - d. To your knowledge, have employees or customers become infected with COVID-19? **NO**
2. How many of your activities can be moved outdoors? **Very few.**
3. For indoor activities:
  - a. How can social distancing be maintained at points of ingress and egress, where people normally cluster? **Students and Staff will be asked to follow social distancing guidelines at all times on our campuses. There will be limited points of ingress to the campuses and people entering the campuses. It is likely a health screening will occur at the point of entry.**
  - b. How can employees and visitors be protected from transmission of the virus (e.g., no-touch temperature checks, hand sanitizer, masks, and face shields)? **The planning committee is currently discussing implementing all of these methods and more if schools reopen.**

- c. How will Personal Protective Equipment (such as face covering and gloves) and hand sanitizer be provided before entry? **Student and staff will be asked to wear face coverings and hand sanitizers will be provided in every classroom in entries and other locations on campus.**
- d. Can the times of activities be staggered to reduce the amount of people gathered at any one time? **NO**
- e. Can customers make appointments to gain entry while inside capacity is restricted? **YES**
- f. How can social distancing be maintained inside your premises? **Furniture in Offices and classrooms will be placed 6ft or more apart. In offices throughout the district, plexiglass barriers are being installed. Additionally there will be markings on the floor, and in other prominent locations to maintain the distance of 6ft., and at each entrance a sign outlining the social distancing requirements will be posted.**

4. What is your plan to acquire and distribute Personal Protective Equipment (like masks and gloves) and testing to your employees? **The district has acquired enough PPE to start the next school year, including face coverings, hand sanitizer, gloves, wipes, but more equip , will be needed throughout the year.**

5. How can you adapt to accommodate different size gatherings that may be allowed by the Public Health officer? (Smaller gatherings are likely to be allowed before very large ones.) **Not applicable.**

6. To meet the need for possible contact tracing, how would you maintain lists of employees and visitors with their contact information for contact tracing? (It is understood that lists of attendees would only be provided in the event of an infection that needed to be traced, and then only to public health personnel trained in medical confidentiality.) **The District has contact information on all its employees and all its students and would work with the PHD in the event of a COVID19 case.**

7. In order to assist safe and productive re-opening, what are your needs relative to:
- a. Regulation? **The district will follow PHD regulations.**
  - b. Licensure? **Not applicable.**

c. Childcare? **If the district reopens it is essential that the ASES/21<sup>st</sup> Century program also reopen.**

d. Housing? **Not applicable.**

e. Digital Inclusion? **One of the top needs for Gilroy unified is more chromebooks and hotspots.**

f. Commute-Free Working? **Not applicable.**

8. If you have been opened or partially opened, what challenges have you experienced? **The district has been closed since March 16th, for 12 weeks. However, the district has offered a meals program at seven school sites, and has strictly enforced social distancing guideline with families who have come pick up meals. It has gone very well and the families have cooperated.**

9. If you have been opened or partially opened, how has the community's adherence and response to the COVID health safety protocols been? **The district has been closed since March 16th, for 12 weeks.**



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