

## **Oak Valley**

Will the buses be running? *It is unlikely that the district will be able to comply with Public Health directives to provide bus transportation.*

Have we had any positive cases at either school? *There have been recent cases at both school sites. Confidentiality for staff and students prevents the district from sharing specific information, but close contacts have been appropriately informed as directed by the Public Health Department.*

Will there be a separate isolation room for ill students waiting to be picked up? *A separate isolation room is being provided at each campus.*

Will playground access include the play structure or will the structure continue to be closed? *The play structure is being disinfected daily and the intention is to keep this open while adhering to Public Health guidance.*

Will you have protocols in place for children with chronic illnesses, with daily symptoms? *Each individual case should be addressed with site administration.*

If students are sitting behind shields, are they still required to wear masks while they sit in their chair? *All staff and students are required to wear masks while on school sites.*

Will the school days be full days or partial day? *It is likely that the daily schedule would be shortened to accommodate the need for teachers to manage the learning of all students (in-person and distanced).*

Will there be an option on the survey to stay with the current Virtual Academy model? *Yes, though a decision to move into a hybrid instructional model would necessitate changes to the current Virtual Academy.*

Based on how we respond to the survey, will this lock us into a decision (in-school vs distance learning) or can we change our mind? *We need families to make a commitment so that adjustments to schedule and staffing can be made if needed.*

Will you attempt to send siblings to school on the same days? *This is the district's goal to the extent possible.*

Is the survey available per student or for each individual parent (two separate households)? *We need each family to respond for each student.*

Is there an option to keep things as is? Rather than choose between hybrid vs distance with limited support? *The Board of Trustees will be considering the direction at their meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM.*

What will child-to-child and child-to-teacher contact look like in the classroom and out on the playground? *All individuals (staff and students) will be expected to maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet while on campus. Classes will be assigned to “cohorts” to limit interaction while at school.*

Will students be eating lunch on campus? *This will depend on the schedule to be determined, but at least lunch will be served daily (we may continue to provide meals to be taken home on departure from campuses).*

Is this survey to determine what students will be distance learning and which ones will be in person, or to determine if enough people want to re-open in person? *This survey is intended to provide the district with information regarding which families wish to remain in “distanced learning” to provide data for Board decisions as well as scheduling should the Board decided to return in a “hybrid” instructional model in January 2021.*

If there are COVID-19 cases in the cohorts, will the class be closed for 2 weeks? *Positive cases would result in a 14-day quarantine for “close contacts” under current Public Health guidance.*

For the 1/3 of families who were not provided technology devices, are they required to bring their own device to school? *The district is arranging for devices for all students.*

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, what will the district require in order for the student to return to on site? *Current Public Health guidance required individuals with a positive COVID-19 test result to isolate for 10 days, and be symptom and fever-free for three days prior to returning to school.*

If you have kids in different grades will the drop off times and days be the same so there are not multiple trips? *This is the district’s goal to the extent possible.*

Would children from the same family (both at Jonata and Oak Valley) be in the same cohort? *This is the district’s goal to the extent possible.*

I worry about choosing hybrid now, but also see that COVID-19 cases are rising dramatically across the country. What if I take the survey now but change my mind based on COVID-19 spread? *The district’s goal is to get the most accurate information possible for decision-making. The district is required to provide a “distanced learning” option under current law. The goal is to minimize disruption to student learning in these extremely difficult circumstances.*

If we move back into purple tier in the next month will we still be able to reopen in January? *A return to widespread community infection would require the district to submit a waiver for elementary grades to re-open (grades TK-6).*

Some private schools are not using the hybrid model. Is there statistical data that shows that the hybrid model is the best choice? *Private schools may be making different choices based on resources and facilities. Current requirements for physical distancing are driving most public schools to consider a hybrid option.*

In case of a positive test, can the cohort move to a distance model (similar to today's model) instead of being purely shut down? *The goal is to minimize disruption to student learning in these extremely difficult circumstances, and the district will continue to default to a “distanced learning” option rather than complete closure.*

Will there be an after school program offered by Boys and Girls Clubs? *Boys and Girls Clubs are an independent organization that works in partnership with the district. The program has been operating and our hope is that they will be able to continue to work with the district.*

As OV student numbers decrease there is a chance class sizes are smaller. If there are 14 students that are going hybrid does that mean they will attend every day? *Many of these decisions will be made subject to the Board’s direction and the staffing needs.*

Are the school times going to be the same in hybrid for Jonata and Oak Valley? *This is the district’s goal to the extent possible.*

## **Jonata**

Will you be keeping families together so parents aren’t having to manage in class and remote schedules for kids on different schedules? *This is the district’s goal to the extent possible.*

Will class sizes be limited? *The primary reason for the need to “cohort” students in a “hybrid” instructional model is the need for physical distance (6+ feet).*

Would there be any specific teacher support hours for the students who choose the distance learning option? If the student needs extra teacher support on an assignment, are they able to connect with the teachers in virtual office hours or something similar in the new distance learning model? *The goal will be for teachers to have the time to continue to provide this type of support for students in “distanced learning.”*

Is there bus service, if not then will the school have a crossing guard for those kids who live across the freeway? *It is unlikely that the district will be able to comply with Public Health directives to provide bus transportation. All options to assist families may be explored.*

Haven't heard anything about what the plan is if or when COVID-19 cases are confirmed from a student or teacher? *Based on current Public Health guidelines, the school is required to conduct “contact tracing” to identify “close contacts” who are notified and required to isolate for 14 days. Students and staff would shift to “distanced learning” based on their health and ability to participate.*

If picking hybrid but decide later to switch to distance learning, would this be possible? *The district’s goal is to get the most accurate information possible for decision-making. The district is required to provide a “distanced learning” option under current law. The goal is to minimize disruption to student learning in these extremely difficult circumstances.*

Could my child walk home if they are sick and don't feel good, and I can't get to them as quick as I would like because I work out of town? *We will need all families to have arrangements for immediate pick-up in the case of student illness.*

What does lunch time look like? *This will depend on the schedule to be determined, but at least lunch will be served daily (we may continue to provide meals to be taken home on departure from campuses).*

Just so it's clear for hybrid learning—every day they are at home (3-days a week) will be a half hour check in and then NO zoom teaching at all? *Many of these decisions will be made subject to the Board's direction and the staffing needs should the decision be made to return to in-person instruction.*

What are we going to do for our graduating 8th graders? *Expect to hear from Mrs. Melby soon regarding plans for 8<sup>th</sup> grade commencement.*

Will there be an after school program offered by Boys and Girls Clubs? *Boys and Girls Clubs are an independent organization that works in partnership with the district. The program has been operating and our hope is that they will be able to continue to work with the district.*

What is Jonata's current enrollment? *Current enrollment at Jonata Middle school is 200 students (11/12/2020).*

When can Buellton Recreation and The Zone return? *The City of Buellton Parks and Recreation operates on Buellton USD facilities through a Joint Use agreement, but they are an independent organization with different (though similar) Public Health guidelines that must be followed.*

Will the kids have PE on campus the two days they are there? *In the event of the Board's decision to return to in-person instruction in January, Physical Education will be part of a student's schedule.*

If distance learning is chosen will the schedule remain as it is now for those students? *The decision whether to return in a "hybrid" instructional model in January 2021 will be considered by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, November 18. Staffing and scheduling will follow this decision, but it is unlikely that the current schedule could be maintained while also re-opening in-person instruction.*