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ATTENDANCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

The Academies CMO Board of Directors will be conducting its Board meeting on September 24, 2020. Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering Tulare County and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, The Academies CMO is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment.

The Academies CMO Board meeting to be held on September 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. will **only be accessible via Zoom.** The meeting may be viewed through the following options:

- Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229182582?pwd=SG9sdkR6Q1A0ZHh5RGFsZ29neVNUZz09>

The Academies CMO will also provide links to the streaming option on the TACMO website and on its Facebook page.

Unfortunately, physical attendance by the public cannot be accommodated given the current circumstances and the need to ensure the health and safety of The Academies CMO Board, The Academies CMO staff, and the public as a whole.

If you wish to make a general public comment or public comment on a particular item on the agenda, **you must submit your public comments by e-mail to: dball@theacademiescharters.org**. In the subject line of the e-mail, please state your name and the item you are commenting on. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate e-mail for each item you are commenting on. Please be aware that written public comments, including your name, may become public information. Additional requirements for submitting public comments by e-mail are provided below.

General Public Comments & Comments on District Board Business Items

For general public comments and comments regarding specific CMO Board Business Items, all public comments must be received by e-mail no later than 12:00 p.m. on September 24, 2020. Comments received by this time will be read aloud by a staff member during the applicable agenda item, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a general public comment or comment on a business item is received after 12:00 p.m., efforts will be made to read your comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after 12:00 p.m. will be read. All written comments that are not read into the record will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of The Academies CMO Board meeting.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED THAT DO NOT SPECIFY A PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM WILL BE READ ALOUD DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE AGENDA.

The Academies CMO thanks you for your cooperation in advance. Our community's health and safety is our highest priority.

Here is quick summary of the basics:

- No public attendance. Public may only observe online.
- All public comments must be submitted by email: dball@theacademiescharters.org
- Subject line of the email should state the commenter's name and the item they are commenting on.
- All general comments or comments on business items must be received by 12:00 p.m.
- Comments will be read aloud by staff (up to 3 minutes) if received on time.

If not timely but received by the end of the end of the meeting, comments will at least be included as part of the minutes for the meeting.



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PUBLIC BOARD MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

September 24, 2020, 5:00 PM – Special Board Meeting

Meeting Held Virtually - Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87229182582?pwd=SG9sdkR6Q1A0ZUh5SRGFsZ29neVNUZz09>

In order to ensure that members of the public are provided a meaningful opportunity to address the Board on non-agenda items or agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction, non-agenda items may be addressed at the public comment portion of the agenda and agenda items may be addressed at the time the matter is considered by the Board. During the evening, many of the Board members will be speaking on various subjects. It should be noted that each Board member expresses only his/her opinion and not the opinion of the entire Board. Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting shall be by roll call.

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

1.2 ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

a. This meeting is held in an area accessible to the disabled. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in meetings, call (559) 730-7422 at BOA forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. Persons who are in need of disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the Board meeting may make a request to Donya Ball at PO Box 1189, Visalia, CA 93279 or (559) 730-7422. Such a request should be in writing if possible or may be made in person or by telephone. The request should specify the nature of the accommodation or modification requested, including any auxiliary aids or services requested, and the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the request.

b. If documents are distributed to Board members concerning an agenda item within 72 hours of a regular Board meeting, at the same time the documents will be made available for public inspection. Interested members of the public may request to see the same documents by emailing the Superintendent (dball@theacademiescharters.org), and the complete packet will be shared electronically.

1.3 IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1.4 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

a. General public comment on any closed session item will be heard. The Board may limit individual comments to no more than 3 minutes and individual topics to 20 minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name.

1.5 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

2. CLOSED SESSION (May reconvene after the public meeting, if necessary)

2.1 There are no Closed Session items to include this evening.

3. REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED

3.1 CALL PUBLIC SESSION TO ORDER

3.2 REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if any)

3.3 General public comment on any school related topic may be heard at this time. The Board asks that any public comment on an item listed on tonight's agenda be addressed at the time the item comes up for discussion by the Board. Pursuant to Board Policy, the Board may limit individual comments to no more than 3 minutes and individual topics to 20 minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

There are no Administrative Services items to include this evening.

4.2 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

There are no Superintendent's Office items to include this evening.

5. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATIONS/ACTION

5.1 There are no Public Recognition/Proclamation/Action items to include this evening.

6. PROGRAM UPDATE & BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Presentation/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion

6.1 There is no Program Update to include this morning.

6.2 There is no Board Development items to include this morning.

7. COMMUNITY REPORTS

Presentation/Public Hearing/Public Comment/Board Discussion

7.1 There are no Community Reports to include this evening.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

Review / Public Hearing/ Public Input / Board Discussion /ACTION (as applicable)

8.1 There are no Administrative Panel items to discuss this evening.

9. GENERAL AGENDA

Review / Public Hearing/ Public Input / Board Discussion /ACTION (as applicable)

9.1 Presentation and discussion of SVA and BOA parent and staff survey data (Enc. No. 1)

9.2 Approval of TACMO to complete waiver application to Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (Enc. No. 2) ACTION

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Request for future Board Agenda items

10.2 The next The Academies CMO board meeting: October 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Enc. No. 1

Parent and Staff Instructional Preference				
BOA Parent Responses	215			
SVA Parent Responses	236			
Total Responses	451 = 66%			
Parent Instructional Preference				
	BOA	BOA	SVA	SVA
Grade	On campus	Distance	On campus	Distance
TK	95%	5%	62%	38%
K	66%	34%	66%	34%
1	78%	22%	60%	40%
2	49%	51%	72%	28%
3	61%	39%	48%	52%
4	48%	52%	43%	57%
5	86%	14%	55%	45%
6			50%	50%
Total	69%	31%	57%	43%
BOA Staff Responses	25	100% of teachers and site admin responded		
SVA Staff Responses	32	100% of teachers and site admin responded		
Total Responses	57 = 90%			
Staff Instructional Preference				
	BOA	BOA	SVA	SVA
Grade	On campus	Distance	On campus	Distance
TK	100%	0%	100%	0%
K	100%	0%	100%	0%
1-2	67%	33%	67%	33%
3-4	50%	50%	33%	67%
5-6	100%	0%	100%	0%
Specialists	50%	50%	67%	33%
Ed Specialists (SPED)	100%	0%	100%	0%
Intervention Teacher			0%	100%
Instructional Aide	75%	25%	62%	38%
Instructional Coach	100%	0%		
Site Administrator	50%	50%	50%	50%
Total	79%	21%	68%	32%

Enc. No. 2

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Options for Students on Campus</u>				
	Day Camp	Small Cohort	TK-2 Waiver	Elem Waiver TK-6	In-Person Instruction
	8/17 Start Date	9/29 Start Date (SPED)			
Social Distancing Required	X	X	X	X	X
Face Coverings Required (Grades 3+)	X	X	X	X	X
Health Screening	X	X	X	X	X
Cal/OSHA Cleaning Standards	X	X	X	X	X
Specific number of individuals or students per cohort	Maximum of 12 Students	Maximum of 16 Individuals			
No group size limit (Social Dist.)			X	X	X
Limited to the greater - 100 students or 25% of school enrollment		X			
No mixing of cohort members	X	X			
Keep mixing to a minimum			X	X	X
Intervention/Targeted Services		X			
Core Academic Instruction			X	X	X
Requires Waiver Application and Approval			X	X	
County Statistics Required for approval				< 14 cases/100,000 population, 7 day average Currently 11.7 cases/100,000 population, 7 day average. Health Department approving TK-6 applications for waiver	< 7cases/100,000 population, 7 day average and positivity rate < 8% (Substantial- Red Category and must be maintained for 2 weeks before opening) Currently 11.7 cases/100,000 population, 7 day average and positivity rate is 7.7%. Since Tulare County case rate is more than 7, we are currently in Widespread- Purple category.
Guidelines Website	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-day-camps--en.pdf	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools--en.pdf	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools--en.pdf	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools--en.pdf

Tulare County School Waiver Rubric Template

School Name:

Address:

Contact:

Phone Number:

The following areas are required in each waiver application:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. General Measures | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Cleaning, Disinfection, and Ventilation | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Check for Signs and Symptoms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Healthy Hygiene Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Distancing Inside and Outside the Classroom | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Plan for When Someone Becomes Sick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Face Coverings | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Limit Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Maintain Healthy Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Teacher and Staff Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Train All Staff and Educate Families | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Reopening and Partial or Total Closures |

The following areas are what the LPH is to take into consideration when approving waivers:

Criterion	Not Met	Partially Met	Met
Students are able to socially distance (6 feet) within classrooms or other learning areas at all times.			
Safety plans and availability of appropriate PPE, as recommended by the local health officer and CDPH guidance, for all elementary teachers and staff who will be involved in in-person instruction			
Availability of public health & school resources for COVID-19 investigation and response (contact tracing).			

Identified who is responsible for managing the contact tracing process and have gone through relevant trainings?			
Staff are receiving training on current COVID-19 recommendations from state and federal guidance. Communication plan is in place to update parents and students.			
The extent to which the school, school district, or system of private schools has consulted with relevant labor, community, and parent organizations, as applicable.			
Shows an understanding of testing resources within the community and, as applicable, via employee health plans to provide access to periodic testing to all elementary teachers and staff.			
Recommendations:			

Other Considerations:

Guidance:

Health & Safety:

Local Epidemiological Data & Health Care Capacity:

Testing:

Waiver Approval (may be a conditional approval until county is off the monitoring list)

Following Modifications are required:

Reviewer Name:

Date:

[Local Public Health Letterhead]

[Date]

Dear District Superintendent, Charter School Director, or Private School Head of School:

On [Date of Monitoring List Placement], the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) placed [Name] County on its monitoring list. On July 17, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom announced that if a county has been on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days, a school must conduct distance learning only, until the county has been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days.

In counties on the monitoring list, CDPH guidance allows a district superintendent, private school principal/head of school, or executive director of a charter school (hereinafter superintendent) to apply for a waiver from the local health officer to open an elementary school for in-person instruction. This waiver is applicable only for grades TK-6, even if the grade configuration at the school includes additional grades.

When applying for the waiver, the superintendent must submit to the local health officer evidence of (1) consultation with labor and parent organizations and (2) publication of the elementary school reopening plans on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent).

The local health officer then reviews the application and reopening plan (along with local community epidemiological data), makes a determination whether to grant or deny the waiver, and consults with CDPH regarding that determination. Elementary schools in counties on the monitoring list within the prior 14 days may not open for in-person instruction until they have received approval of a submitted waiver from the local health officer.

In order to apply for a waiver, please complete and submit the attached Application Cover Form. An application must contain:

- Attestation that the superintendent (equivalent or designated staff) has consulted with all parent and labor organizations at each school site for which an application is being submitted. If no labor organization represents the school site staff, then consultation with school site staff is sufficient.
- Confirmation that elementary school reopening plans have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent). Reopening plans must address the components in the CDPH guidance for schools and school-based programs (which are also listed in the attached Application Cover Form).

Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted to the local health officer at least 14 days prior to the desired reopening date to [Email Address].

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Health Organization]

Waiver Application Cover Form

(for use by a Local Education Agency or equivalent)

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

Background Information

Name of Applicant (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent):

School Type:

_____ Traditional Public School

_____ Charter School

_____ Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of schools: _____

Enrollment: _____

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name:

Address:

Grades/Number of Students Proposed to be Reopened:

TK K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Date of Proposed Reopening:

Name of Person Completing Application:

Phone Number:

Email:

Signature:

Date: _____

I. Consultation

Please confirm consultation with the following groups:

☐ Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

☐ Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff:

II. Elementary School Reopening Plans

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent):

- ☐ **Cleaning and Disinfection:** How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.
- ☐ **Cohorting:** How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.
- ☐ **Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

- ☐ **Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.
- ☐ **Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.
- ☐ **Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.
- ☐ **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.
- ☐ **Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.
- ☐ **Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application and enforcement of the plan.
- ☐ **Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections.
- ☐ **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.
- ☐ **Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.

Additional Resources:

CDPH and Cal/OSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

California Department of Education Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/strongertogether.asp>

CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf>