

**PCC Meeting  
10-7-2020**

**Mike Kuhlman:**

On Friday, 10-9-2020, a new survey will be going out to all parents asking them to make a new decision regarding whether their student will be doing Online School or Blended Cohorts for Jan. 2021 semester. The survey will give a summary of each model. Those that choose Online will be not be able to change to on-campus during the semester. There will also be a Q&A Session for parents regarding these choices. The online model will not look like what it is now, it will look more like the Hart @ Home (APEX) model.

Answering a parent's question, Mr. Kuhlman stated that he believes that changing mid-semester (currently) from online learning to on-campus learning could be extremely disrupting. Students may end up not having the same teachers, curriculum could change, etc. (I got the impression that he doesn't think we will return to campus this semester, although he did not come out and say so.)

**Kathy Hunter:**

As a result of lots of parents' questions across the district, we are summarizing our Mental Health Resources:

(Depression, anxiety and suicide ideation have shown to increase in 2011 correlating with cell phones, but now add in the extra stressor of COVID, teens have a lot to deal with.)

- Wellness Wheel on the District's website lists many resources.
- For Special Education students – 50 therapists, 25 of which are licensed, 25 are pre-licensed. Used for IEPs and Gen Ed population.
- School Psychologists – there is 1 at each school.
- Academic Counselors – 6 at every HS, 3 at every JHS.
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers – we now have 8 and are in the process of hiring 3 more. Trying to get 1 for every school. They are available for family outreach and therapy, among other services.
- Wellness Coordinators – 1 at CHS, 1 at WRHS
- Wellness Centers – 15/17 schools in district have Wellness Centers. Spa-like atmospheres for students to chill out, no phones, etc. Offer yoga and meditation, among other services. They currently see approx. 10 students/day by appointment and 40-50 kids/day during open periods.
- Social/Emotional Learning Classes – model available to be taught by teachers where there is space in scheduling. Taught at several schools (i.e., WRHS).
- In general, we are invested heavily in Mental Health and are in a better position than a lot of districts. We are often sought out as models for other districts.

Also, for Special Education students – beginning Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> there will be small-group, targeted intervention for specific IEP students. These Cohorts will be 12 students and 2 adults on campus 2-3 days a week. This is only for specific, higher-need special ed students.

**Dave Caldwell:**

Saugus HS History teacher Jim Klipfell has been recognized as 1 of 10 LA Co. Teachers of the Year. He will be up for State Teacher of the Year as well. See video (on social media) by Mr. Klipfell on why it's important to be a teacher.

Saugus Strong Day (Week) – 11/9 – 11/13. Each school will have their own activities in support. Social Workers will be involved to offer emotional support as the anniversary approaches.

If parents would like to know the difference between last Spring's online learning and this Fall's online learning, they should go to [www.hometownstation.com](http://www.hometownstation.com) and search for a 9/22 article that examines this from a teacher's perspective. Good article, very informative.

The Hart District and Saugus HS have been voted "the Best of 2020" by the SCV Signal.

It's Manufacturing Month. Event tonight (10-7-2020) called Parent's Café @ 6:30 pm on [www.streamglobal.org/mfgday](http://www.streamglobal.org/mfgday). This webinar is the first of four to be offered. Also, on 10/24 there will be the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Green STEM Summit.

**Michael Vierra:**

Personnel is being coordinated for on-campus sports conditioning and small group, targeted intervention for IEP students.

**Collyn Nielsen:**

LA County Public Health will be visiting a couple of campuses in the next week. The purpose is to help implement health guidelines and give aid or assistance in applying them. They are coming to help us. They will be looking at things like ability or solutions for social distancing set-ups in small areas or classrooms, students desk screens, signage, etc.

**Ralph Peschek:**

Good news – all of SCV schools now offer free meals to every student under 18 yrs old every day of the week through the end of the school year and summer (until Fall 2021).

We have received money from the State for COVID needs. It is adequate for now but is requiring us to use the monies in certain pots for certain things.

We should be encouraging parents to still sign up for Free & Reduced Lunch Program. We are not at same level as usual, but close.

\*Next PCC Meeting: November 4<sup>th</sup>.