



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 16, 2020

Superintendent's Message: Virtual Town Hall Meetings Planned for Oct. 21 & 26

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Community Members,

Please join us for two virtual town hall webinar meetings to learn about our reopening plans, October 21 at 6 p.m. for a secondary school focus and October 26 at 6 p.m. for an elementary school focus.

Zoom webinar link for both dates:

<https://zoom.us/j/94920613876?pwd=OENmRUFJdUN3L2syWTINbWJUYUEyQT09>
(meeting ID: 949 2061 3876; passcode: U2D7z6)

Or call in phone number: 669-900-9128; passcode: 648481 (same meeting ID.)

During the town hall meetings, audience members will be able to submit questions to the panelists through the Q & A feature. Panelists may answer questions live or they may be added to the planned Frequently Asked Questions webpage currently in development. Given the time constraints and length and detail of this presentation, we will only be able to answer questions for 30-40 minutes following the presentation.

Both sessions will be recorded for future viewing, in case you are unable to watch live. We will post the recordings on the home page of your school website and www.smmusd.org. The presentation for the town hall describing the two reopening models for consideration is here: [English](#) [Spanish](#).

We are working on compiling a Frequently Asked Questions document as a result of questions from various stakeholder group meetings this month, town hall meetings and Let's Talk submissions, and will post them online when complete.

Our school board will hear a presentation on reopening, including all the required safety measures we are taking in preparation of in-person learning, and will finalize the decision regarding reopening models at a special board meeting scheduled for Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. Board meeting agendas are posted [online](#) a few days before each meeting.

Thank you to our parents, teachers and secondary students for taking the recent distance learning district survey, so that we can continue to improve the learning and teaching experience for our students and staff this semester. We had a great response. We will use the information gathered to address areas where we can improve, while continuing to deliver what is working. The results of the parent, teacher and secondary student distance learning survey is here: [English](#) [Spanish](#). The Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association conducted a teacher survey, as well, with the results included in this document for comparison.

My [message](#) to you last week detailed our plans for reopening with regard to the safety and health protocols we are implementing now to prepare for reopening.



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Parents, staff, students and community members may submit comments through our [Let's Talk](#) portal, clicking on the *school reopening input* button. We will have a school reopening survey for parents, employees and secondary school students following the two town hall meetings to gather your feedback on the reopening models and identify your preference.

Thank you to our parents and staff for your continued support of our students during this challenging time.

For COVID-19 information, testing sites, health FAQs and Halloween celebration guidelines visit: www.smmusd.org/Coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent