

## CUCPTSA Legislation/Advocacy Notes

January 7, 2022

### District Update with Ryan Burris –

- State testing kits – announced from Governor on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. – District just received some of them and they are starting to be distributed to families. We are following CDPH guidelines. CUSD is not closing schools at this point and there is no guidance from CDPH to do so. We opened schools on Monday as planned. With state kits, there is no requirement to report test results, but CUSD is asking families to report back positive cases if parents use the tests. These tests do not take away anything from what we are already doing.
- If you are sick stay home, if you have symptoms stay home.
- PAPER is a great tutoring resource for families and we want to make sure families are utilizing this.
- Expecting Governor's budget next week. And it is looking pretty good for us.
- Budget for CUSD looks pretty good for the next year and a half, but looking towards the future there may be issues if no changes are made to how schools are funded state-wide.
- Board approved bond seismic community engagement work for DHHS for the spring. And for Aliso Viejo - will have polling done by True North in coming months – looking for what costs community is willing to pay to fund improvements at schools. Helps with identifying key messaging in those communities.
- Concern by families that CANVAS is not capturing what is happening during instructional time, it only captures assignments that are happening outside of class time. How do we better support our students and teachers? Kids are missing so much school at high school. Kids going to school positive, but still attending school. Kids need to be allowed to zoom in so kids can attend remotely and then email in their questions during this surge to keep the kids safe so they can stay home when they are sick.
- CUSD will not make changes to quarantine guidelines until CDPH adopts new guidelines.
- IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME. IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS STAY HOME. This is the big message as we move forward to keep all of us safe.

### Raise the Base with Luca

- Raise the Base QR codes attached to share with your units.
- Need \$14,000-\$16,000 to provide a basic education for a student
- Declining enrollment is an issue for school funding – by increasing funding we back fill this issue.
- School vouchers are a direct attack against public education and schools
- Currently there is a predicted \$31 billion budget surplus for the state.
- Raising the base grant benefits all students in the state.
- Portantino has introduced SB830 to move from ADA to enrollment-based funding for schools – so hopefully this is passed soon.
- There is discussion to change how Supplemental and Concentration grants are funded on an equitable basis.
- If you have questions on Raise the Base please contact Luca at [lucagrecuk@gmail.com](mailto:lucagrecuk@gmail.com)
- Talking Points document can be accessed here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eryxQZzhBcPlCm6aeqlxRmPZ5J8Org3p8NNeYBgW-yA/edit>

Next Steps for Raise the Base with Luca:

- Sending physical letters to legislators
- Talk up Raise the Base with your friends – share the social media links with all your California contacts
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Federal Update with Jamie Louie and Kim Larson:

- Scheduling meetings with federal electeds in February
- Working on talking points on current legislation

Sacramento Safari Questions to 4<sup>th</sup> District – will be sending these off to 4<sup>th</sup> District for answers and will then let you know:

- What safety protocols are in place?
- Are vaccination and testing required?
- What are masking requirements?
- What happens if event is moved to virtual?
- How are refunds being handled if people need to cancel due to Covid? What is refund policy? And transferable policy?
- How are meals being handled? Buffet or individual food boxes?
- If it does get cancelled, can it be held as pre-paid for the following year?
- Is there any virtual option?