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April 20, 2021

Via E-Mail: [dfisher@saccityta.com](mailto:dfisher@saccityta.com)

David Fisher, President  
Sacramento City Teachers Association  
5300 Elvas Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Re: Collapsing of Cohorts

Dear Mr. Fisher,

The District is in receipt of the [email from Mr. Borsos of April 9, 2021](#), which states that SCTA “*would be open to having discussions with the District regarding possible modifications to the instructional model, the composition of the cohorts and even whether cohorting would have to continue once in-person instruction resumed and we had a clearer sense of how many students were returning for in-person instruction.*”

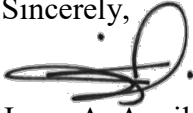
In order to facilitate these discussions around next steps for bringing students back for more in-person learning each day and week, we are providing SCTA with data we have gathered regarding [in-person attendance of Cohorts A and B, grades TK-3 from April 8-14, 2021](#). This data is helpful along with the previously provided data concerning [survey results of those who have indicated an intent to return to in-person learning for TK-12](#), for determining which class cohorts may be collapsed into a single group for attending school four days per week even while maintaining a 6-foot student-to-student spacing. We have also included information in this dataset that is important as we consider reducing the *spacing between students* consistent with [CDC](#), [CDPH](#) and [SCDPH guidance](#). You will note from the cohort TK-3 in-person attendance document that there are eleven (11) elementary schools which could have all their class cohorts collapsed at a six-foot spacing standard. There are also a number of sites where all of the class cohorts save for a single grade-level can be collapsed at the six-foot standard and hence would be able to be collapsed with only minor modifications to the student spacing standard.

In addition, the District is also interested in discussing other possibilities for allowing students to return for additional in-person instruction. One proposal we would like to discuss is allowing teachers to voluntarily collapse cohorts into a single group while maintaining appropriate CDC, CDPH and SCDPH health and safety protocols and mitigation measures.

Bringing back our students for as much in-person learning time is critical because we know our schools serve as safe havens – providing access to not only academics, but also food, support and social and emotional care. This is especially true for our district, which serves vulnerable students, with 70 percent of Sacramento City Unified students qualifying as low income, foster youth, homeless and English language learners.

We look forward to a productive discussion with SCTA on these matters and our team proposes April 28 and 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Aguilar', with a large loop and a dot at the end.

Jorge A. Aguilar  
Superintendent