

**RESOLUTION 2021-0218 OF THE BOARD OF LIVE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL OF
THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON CONDITIONS
REQUIRED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PLATFORM SHIFT FROM DISTANCE
LEARNING TO DISTANCE LEARNING/ON-CAMPUS LEARNING HYBRID FOR
BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted student access to on-campus instruction; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted social and emotional development of students by limiting social interaction, including activities that are traditionally offered by schools; and

WHEREAS the interaction between students and staff in an instructional learning environment is valued and necessary; and

WHEREAS on-campus instruction, extra-curricular participation and co-curricular activities supports student social, emotional, and academic development; and

WHEREAS parents, LOCS staff, and community groups are all eager to support movement towards a safe return to school operations; and

WHEREAS distance learning has disproportionately impacted the academic achievement of identifiable groups of students, including English-language learners and special education students; and

WHEREAS, student achievement, as measured by academic grades, have been negatively impacted during each grading period; and

WHEREAS any successful hybrid delivery of instruction during the pandemic is contingent upon physical and behavioral adjustments at schools, including maintaining spacing between all individuals, wearing masks, cohorting students, frequent cleaning of shared spaces and materials, and responsive virus testing and contact tracing; and

WHEREAS the smooth implementation of a hybrid delivery of instruction is facilitated by a phased return of students to on-campus instruction; and

WHEREAS even then, some families will opt to remain in distance learning during the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LOCS will utilize the following conditions as the criteria used to determine when LOCS will make the instructional platform shift from distance learning to distance learning/on-campus learning hybrid:

1. **For grades 7-8, Sonoma County is identified as a Red Tier county (COVID -19 case rate between 1 and 7 per 100,000 people) as established under the Reopening In-Person Instructional Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California (January 14, 2021);**
2. **For grades TK-6, Sonoma County has an identified COVID - 19 case rate below 25 individuals per 100,000 people as established by the Reopening In-Person Instructional Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California (January 14, 2021);**
3. **LOCS staff have had access and opportunity to receive a Food and Drug Administration approved COVID-19 vaccination series, including 2 weeks period after the second dose (per current guidelines);**
4. **The hybrid instructional plan and physical preparations of the campus have been completed;**
5. **The required approvals from the county and state have been received.**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LOCS would strive to implement as soon as possible the following reopening sequence in the following priority order if the requisite conditions have been met:

1. Transitional Kindergarten through Second Grade (grades TK, K, 1, & 2):
2. Third grade through Sixth grade (grades 3, 4, 5, & 6)
3. Seventh and eighth grades (grades 7, 8)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each sequence may involve a staggered start and is dependent on a number of operational circumstances.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LOCS will work with all critical stakeholders, including but not limited to, the LOCS teachers' union, California School Employees Association, LOCS administration and LOCS families to plan and coordinate matters associated with an instructional platform shift.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Stacy Ito, seconded by Member Patrick Kennel and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

NO: 0

YES: 7: Stacy Ito, Patrick Kennel, Sarah Grossi, James Jensen, Chris Fox, Jessica Umphress and Erin Wrightsman.

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and SO ORDERED this 18th of February 2021