



# Pacific Union School District

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Dear Pacific Union Families,

I am hopeful everyone found a bit of rest and relaxation over the Thanksgiving break. As the next holiday break is approaching, I have been watching our county COVID-19 numbers to see if we will have the opportunity to return to site-based instruction.

At our October school board meeting the decision was made to use the [Humboldt County COVID-19 Dashboard](#) to inform our decision making process regarding our instructional model. Below is how I have been evaluating which instructional model we will be using as we continue to move through this pandemic.

## Site-Based Instruction Benchmarks

PUSD Instructional Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Phase in Blended Learning</li> <li>•Learning Hubs are active</li> <li>•Distance Learning (DL) available for all who wish</li> </ul>	<b>Pause:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Evaluate all site based instruction (Learning Hubs and Blended Learning)</li> <li>•1:1 assessments will continue</li> </ul>	<b>Pause:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DL for all classroom learning</li> <li>•Evaluate Multi-Grade Learning Hubs</li> <li>•1:1 assessments will continue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No site-based instruction, full Distance Learning</li> <li>•1:1 assessments may continue</li> </ul>
County Alert Level	Tier 4 (Minimal Risk)	Tier 3 (Moderate Risk)	Tier 2 (Substantial Risk)	Tier 1 (Widespread)
Average daily cases over previous 7 days	Less than 1 daily new case per 100,000 people	1-3.9 daily new cases per 100,000 people	4-7 daily new cases per 100,000 people	More than 7 daily new cases per 100,000 people
Average positivity over previous 7 days	Less than 2% positive tests	2-4.9% positive tests	5-8% positive tests	More than 8% positive tests

As many are aware our numbers continue to rise in Humboldt County and more restrictions have been put in place throughout the county. We are currently in the purple tier (widespread risk); therefore we will remain in distance learning through the holidays. If we will stay in the purple tier, we will continue in full distance learning after Winter Break as well.

I know there are many opinions regarding site-based instruction. Not all of us will agree on these metrics or how we have been moving forward with providing site-based instruction. I wish I could change this and we could move forward all in agreement, but I know this is impossible. So, my hope is that although we may have differing opinions, we remember that we

all only want what is best for our students. During these difficult times we continue to put the health and safety of our students and staff as our first priority. We will get through this together and we will continue to support one another. Your Pacific Union family continues to be here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out to us.

As always, thank you for your continued support, patience, kindness, and understanding.

All my best,

*Rene L. McBride*