

WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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 ACTION
 REPORT/INFORMATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 2, 2021
BOARD AGENDA NUMBER: 2.1
BOARD AGENDA ITEM: Return to School 2021-2022
DEPARTMENT: Superintendent's Office
CONTACT PERSON: Craig M. Guensler

REPORT/PROPOSAL:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have issued their Guidance for California K-12 Schools for 2021-2022. The CDPH's document takes the CDC's recommendations, and tailors them for California. The intent of the guidance is to help schools formulate and implement plans for a safe, and successful school year of full in-person instruction. The guiding principle of the state guidance is that "all students must have access to safe and full in person instruction and to as much instructional time as possible". The CDC and the CDPH both indicate that facial coverings are one of the most effective and simple ways to prevent in-school transmission of COVID-19; therefore, for the 2021-2022 school year, the State has Mandated that facial coverings will be required for all students and staff when indoors and on the bus, unless a medical exemption has been provided. Facial coverings are not required when outdoors. The State has however left the enforcement of the wearing of facial coverings in schools as a local decision. The Governing Board will hear a report from the Superintendent on the Return to School Guidelines and options for mask wearing enforcement for students. Superintendent will also present possible options for the Board to consider regarding the enforcement of indoor use of facial coverings by students. Superintendent will also present options for Staff use of facial coverings when working with students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:
Approve