

Hello everyone. Christy and I thought it would be beneficial to compose a Manchester Elementary List of concerns moving forward with the reopening of school. Feel free to add to the list. We will share this information with Kelly.

1. How are we supposed to actually "socially distance" in our small classrooms (we have an average class size of 21-24 students)?
2. Will staff be given materials to teach outside when possible? Will sunscreen, towels/blankets, clipboards, etc be provided? Will each class have a designated area outside?
3. How will the masks be handed out? Will students get a new mask daily? Who will be responsible for cleaning the masks?
4. Without having lockers, where will students keep their supplies and personal belongings (especially as it gets colder)?
5. How do we teach guided reading if we need to stay distanced? If we instruct students in a whole group, what materials will be provided?
6. Will new instructional materials be provided to teach Language Arts/Reading? (Currently our materials are designed for small group instruction)
7. Teaching a split class and not using small group instruction, how are you supposed to accommodate all students without doing small group stations/instructions?
8. If having to teach a split class and facilitate remote learning, how are teachers that teach a split at the lower levels 1-2 supposed to manage this? They will now be responsible for a larger work load. (a split class is already additional responsibility with little compensation)
9. Are face shields also acceptable for students or is it staff only?
10. Are we going to be provided with a cohesive curriculum to use for remote learning ? Teaching in person with all of these modifications is also going to require additional adjustments to our current curriculum, which will mean additional planning and preparation all while trying to possibly create remote plans if those are not provided.
11. We know how important recess is for kids' mental health. How will this happen?
12. Will we be hiring outside help for tutoring before/after school, as suggested by the ISBE document? If so, can we hire former teachers of NBCUSD?
13. How will I service 2 schools when I am a part-time reading specialist in both schools if we have staggered start times?
14. With the guidelines set in place for if we come down with covid like symptoms, we have to take 10 days mandatory off. If this happens, do these days count against us and withdrawn from our sick time? If it's mandated as policy, should we be penalized with sick days taken away? Will these days be paid?
15. I would like to see K-2 staff development training for Google Classroom before school starts so that we can be prepared to teach our students and parents how to navigate and turn in assignments if we go remotely.

