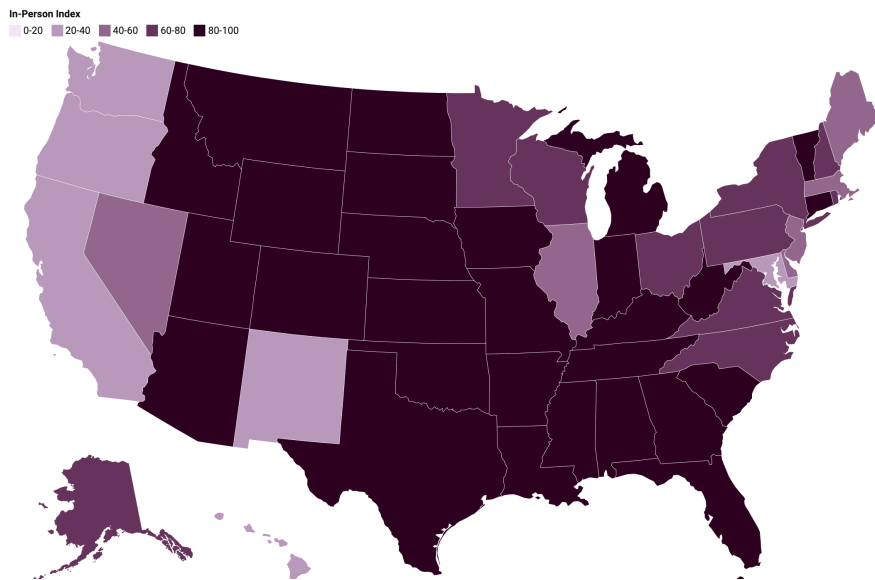


Subject: Comment for April 7th Board Meeting
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 2:23:07 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Trae Vassallo <traevassallo@gmail.com>
To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>, Trae Vassallo (Business,card) <traevassallo@gmail.com>
Attachments: Screen Shot 2021-04-02 at 9.43.58 PM.png

Dear San Mateo County Office of Education,
I am a parent of three children. We live in Portola Valley and our kids attend Nueva. Our kids are not back in school full time. I am deeply concerned that we are no longer operating in a way to "flatten the curve" and instead are actively hurting our kids by not prioritizing getting them back in school. CA is dead last of all states in the US in returning our kids to school. The rest of the country has been educating kids safely and we need to do the same.

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My ask is that the county move quickly to adopt the same standards as the state and the CDC so our kids can return to the classroom. Primarily reducing social distancing requirements from 6 feet to 3 feet. I also ask that the county not create overly prescriptive cohorting guidelines as both middle and high schools can not function if they don't have flexibility around cohorting.

<https://edsources.org/2021/california-to-follow-cdcs-recommendation-to-reduce-social-distancing-in-school-to-3-feet/651787#:~:text=In%20alignment%20with%20new%20federal,6%20feet%20to%203%20feet.>

Thank you,
Trae Vassallo

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Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 2:39:15 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Shripriya Mahesh <shribuy@me.com>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

The County of San Mateo should adopt the standards of the CDC and the State of California and allow schools to have a distance of 3 feet between students.

This is urgent and important for the mental health of our children.

My ask as a parent is that the county move quickly to adopt the same standards as the state and the CDC.

Thanks,
Shripriya

Shripriya Mahesh Ramanan
San Mateo County Resident

Subject: Comments April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 2:50:14 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Ann Green <annwgreen@gmail.com>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

California has the lowest number of children in school across the US:

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Our children have suffered enough enduring months of social isolation and diminished educational opportunities for the last year.

Both the CDC and the state of CA have changed their school social distancing requirements from 6ft to 3ft. The county of San Mateo has not updated their guidance and until they do so, our schools in San Mateo County cannot return full time.

My ask as a parent is that the county move quickly to adopt the same standards as the state and the CDC.

The window is closing on this school year for the Board to move to adopt the social distance requirements of 3 feet. Please give my daughter, who is a Senior, the opportunity to have some closure with her cohort whom she has dearly missed. They have proven that they can act responsibly having returned to school FT for two days a week with zero incidences of COVID.

Thank you.

Ann Green

Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 4:39:20 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Sara Smirin <sara@smirin.us>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

Dear Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education,

I am a parent of a student who attends school in San Mateo County, and am writing to ask that San Mateo County change their school distancing requirements from 6 feet to 3 feet. The CDC amended their guidelines, changing the recommended distance to 3 feet from 6 feet. The State of California followed, simplifying the guidelines by stating that 3 feet is strongly suggested but not required. This change allows schools to open, and resume full time instruction, which our children desperately need.

There is a great deal of evidence to support this change. I will not list them here as I'm am sure that the Board has familiarized itself with the preponderance of studies and with other measures that keep students, teachers and administrators safe (none of which include 6 feet of distance, but rather masks, proper ventilation and contact tracing programs).

This change will allow students to resume school full time. Our schools have been closed longer than is necessary; to continue to keep kids out of schools when we have data showing that schools are safe is a disservice to our entire community.

Thank you so much for the time and energy you have put into this issue.

Best,
Sara Smirin

Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 4:51:58 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Vara Ramakrishnan <vara@acm.org>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

To enable my child to return to school in person, I ask that San Mateo County adopt the CDC and state guidelines for spacing of students.

There is no reason for the county to lag behind the rest of our state and the country in enabling a return to normalcy for our students.

Thank you,

Vara

Subject: Fwd: [All Nueva Parents] Opportunity to have your voice heard: Upcoming San Mateo County Office of Education Board Meeting
Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 5:00:05 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Yiyi Zeng <yiyi.zeng@gmail.com>
To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>
Attachments: Screen Shot 2021-04-02 at 9.43.58 PM.png

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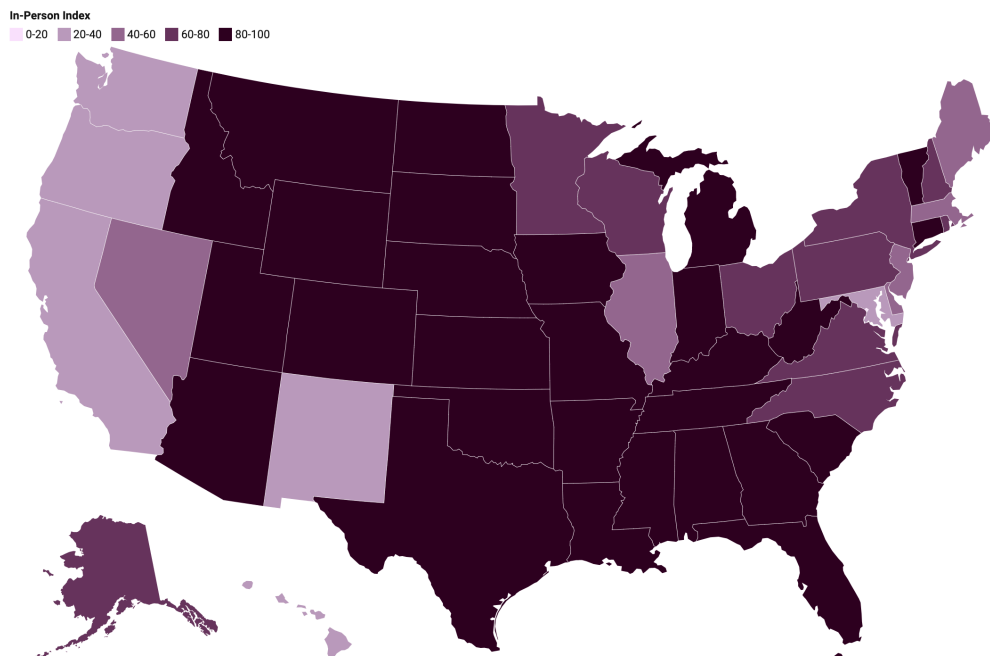
Both the CDC and the state of CA have changed their school social distancing requirements from 6ft to 3ft. The county of San Mateo has not updated its guidance and until they do so, The Nueva School can not go back full time. <https://edsources.org/2021/california-to-follow-cdcs-recommendation-to-reduce-social-distancing-in-school-to-3-feet/651787#:~:text=In%20alignment%20with%20new%20federal,6%20feet%20to%203%20feet.>

My ask as a parent is that the county moves quickly to adopt the same standards as the state and the CDC.

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Thank you for your earliest consideration to take urgent action to put our children back to school.

Yours sincerely,
Yiyi

Subject: "Comment for April 7 Board Meeting."

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 5:53:42 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Maribeth Portz <maribeth.portz@gmail.com>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

Please immediately adopt the new CDC and state of CA school social distancing requirements from 6ft to 3ft immediately so our children can get back to school on an every week basis rather than every other week. The 3ft distance will mean the space available is sufficient to support all students returning to school. Your expeditious adoption of this policy will ensure kids can return to full in person learning immediately following Spring Break.

Thank you,

Maribeth Portz
Hillsborough, CA

Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 10:51:08 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Erica Plambeck <elp@stanford.edu>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

I ask that the county of San Mateo move immediately to adopt the same standards as the state of California and the CDC (3 feet of distancing in schools).

I have two daughters in middle school in San Mateo county. One has suffered depression and anxiety because she has been separated from her teachers and fellow students at school. She has great difficulty learning remotely. My daughters will be able to go back to school as soon as San Mateo adopts the same standards as the state of California and the CDC.

Thank you

Erica Plambeck

Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 11:10:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: John Randolph <jhrcapital@gmail.com>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

I'm writing to ask the Board to please heed the people's request to adopt the same standards as the state of California and the CDC (3 feet of distancing in schools).

There comes a time when excessive caution does more harm than good, and San Mateo County should act to return as many students as possible to return to school as often as possible.

Please follow the state and federal standard!

In gratitude,
John Randolph

Subject: Comment for April 7 Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 10:10:14 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Manisha Agrawal <manisha@niveum.com>

To: info@smcoe.org <info@smcoe.org>

It is a travesty for our children to lose the social and academic engagement that defines their development. Now that the state and the CDC have changed their school social distancing requirements from 6ft to 3ft, it is more than time for San Mateo county to do the same. Please do not rob our kids of the opportunity to have some semblance of normalcy – the 3ft distance requirement allows for physical health safety and being back in school will enable mental health safety. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR GUIDANCE to the 3ft rule ASAP.

Manisha Agrawal
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