



West Sacramento Teachers Association

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We are pleased with the decision that the District will start the 2020-2021 school year with the 100% virtual learning model.

However, to clarify the statement that was released today by Giorgos Kazanis, we have not yet signed an agreement with WUSD regarding any MOU terms. WSTA and WUSD have not come to an agreement upon the amount of time to remain in the virtual model or the roles of support staff at this time. Furthermore, we need to ensure that the district has clear protocols in place for the health and safety of all members before anyone is given access to their workspaces or required to teach in them.

What does this virtual model mean for members?

Virtual Learning will not look like the distance learning provided during the 2019-2020 school year. Here are some of the requirements from the California Department of Education (CDE) and the recently passed state budget, specifically the Trailer Bill, SB98:

- Daily student attendance is required.
- Daily minimum instructional minutes must be accounted for and reported.
- We have to address learning loss from last year's school closure.
- Social-Emotional support must be provided for students and staff.
- Professional development must be provided to staff.
- Engagement and outreach will be a priority to ensure all students are actively participating.
- A student nutrition plan must be created.
- A Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) will be developed by our district in consultation with stakeholders to address the specific needs of our community.

Your bargaining team is scheduled to meet with the District's bargaining team this Friday, July 17th. This will include negotiating protections of your health and safety if conditions in our county or state warrant in-person learning in the future. We will continue to keep you updated as we move through this lengthy and detailed process.

You can rest assured that your and the community's health and safety is the number one priority. We are also committed to negotiating supports and training in order to deliver the highest possible quality of instruction to our students. Starting the upcoming school year with a 100% virtual model will hopefully help you move forward with making decisions that impact you and your family at this time.

If you have questions or concerns about the 2020-2021 school year in light of the pandemic or you would like to give input about the positions presented above, please contact WSTA at wsta.covid19@gmail.com.

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