

Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan
Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Narrative Summary
August 8, 2020

Overview

Senate Bill 98 was signed into law June 29, 2020, establishing a new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (“Continuity Plan”) requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. It’s purpose is to summarize the planning and stakeholder engagement we have already been doing and will do to plan for reopening school under the COVID19 pandemic conditions, and to make explicit the actions and expenditures necessary to implement the plan, from any funding source. The Continuity Plan requires a similar stakeholder engagement process as the LCAP to inform the Continuity Plan development, and also requires input from families who speak a language other than English or do not have access to the internet. The Continuity Plan must be adopted by the local board of education on or before September 30, 2020.

Notably, SB98 removed the requirement for a 2020-2021 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). However, the Budget Overview for Parents that outlines the use of supplemental funds is still required to be approved by the local Board of Education on or before December 15, 2020. More information will be provided as it becomes available from the California Department of Education (CDE).

Continuity Plan Components

The Continuity Plan has seven components: 1) General Information, 2) Stakeholder Engagement, 3) Continuity of Learning, 4) Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-Being, 5) Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach, 6) School Nutrition, and 7) Increased and Improved Services for Foster Youth, Emergent Multilingual and Low-Income Students.

SBUUnified is positioned well to address all seven components. The leadership team has already been working on each of these areas, and many over the past several months. This work has included informal and formal stakeholder engagement, including union negotiations, all of which has fluidly influenced the plans being developed in these areas, and which CDE encourages districts to build upon. It may be helpful to think about this state-required plan as a high-level document that points to all the plans and work that have been done, and continue to be done, around reopening school and providing a rigorous distance learning program.

Timeline

The CDE acknowledges that the timeline is compressed, but that many districts have already been engaged in this planning work to reopen school under pandemic conditions in fall 2020. We anticipate the following upcoming stakeholder engagement activities and board meetings:

- Stakeholder Survey: August 10-20
- DELAC Stakeholder Engagement: August 10 & 17
- LCAP Parent Advisory Committee Engagement: August 20 & September 2
- Public Hearing: September 8
- Board Adoption: September 22