

DATE:

10-26- 2021

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve: Updated KCS D COVID Matrix based on the CDC indicators and thresholds for risk of introduction and transmission of COVID-19 in schools

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

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HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The KCS D has continued to monitor data and make recommendations to our Board of Education based on data and other information obtained from public health officials. SB1 from the 2021 special legislative session enables local Boards of Education to utilize local data to make decisions regarding COVID In-Person Learning Plans. Current data and information presented earlier tonight indicates a need for a new COVID dashboard to promote consistency for our schools/kids/families while still following our KCS D Pandemic Response Priorities. The model is based on the following:

- Academic/Social Emotional Data which reinforces the importance of in-person learning
- Current trend data for COVID which is trending down in KY and in KC
- Impact of Test to Stay program. Data indicates we can now keep students/staff who choose not to be vaccinated in school through the test to stay program.
- Continued data that indicates that positives and quarantines are a result of transmission outside of the school setting and not related to school
- The death of any individual for any reason is a tragedy and our thoughts and prayers are with any family that has lost a loved one during the pandemic or for any reason. It is important that we also monitor mortality data during a pandemic for KY and KC when making decisions during a pandemic.
- Important: ***The fact that KC is among the top counties in KY with vaccination rates and the vaccination rates are strong, especially in the areas that are most vulnerable to the pandemic***
- We fully expect 5-11 year olds to have access to the vaccine within the next few weeks
- The fact that we have students 6.5 hours a day and there are little to no mitigating strategies being implemented outside of the school setting

Additionally, this recommendation is based on the entirety of the local data. This plan has been shared with our board attorney and he is in support of the model from a legal standpoint.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:


N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

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Superintendent

KCSD In-Person Learning Decision Matrix 2022

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INDICATORS*	Layers of Prevention
Lowest risk of transmission in schools: <5 cases per 100,000 in the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDE/KDPH/LHP/CDC/KHSAA Layers of Prevention Recommended
Lower risk of transmission in schools: 5 to <20 cases per 100,000 in the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-12 Mask required for everyone while indoors that does not have access to the COVID Vaccine. (Access means that the vaccine is available for the age group K-12. P will follow K with all recommendations). • Masks recommended for everyone while indoors • Physical distancing recommended • Isolation of individuals who are positive per guidelines • Isolation of symptomatic individuals per guidelines • Contact tracing following exposure guidance • Athletics recommended to follow KHSAA guidelines
Moderate risk of transmission in schools: 20 to <50 cases per 100,000 in the county	
Higher risk of transmission in schools: 50 to <200 cases per 100,000 in the county	
Highest risk of transmission in schools: >200 cases per 100,000 in the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-12 Mask required for everyone while indoors • Physical distancing required • Isolation of individuals who are positive per guidelines • Isolation of symptomatic individuals per guidelines • Contact tracing following exposure guidance • Athletics required to follow KHSAA guidelines
<p>*Indicators based on number of new cases per 100,000 persons within the last 14 days and is calculated by adding the number of new cases in the county in the last 14 days divided by the population in the county and multiplying by 100,000. (Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Department of Health and Human Services Order under section 361 and 42 code of federal regulations all persons are required to wear masks while on conveyances and at transportation hubs effective date 2/1/21. Per this order everyone is required to wear masks while on school bus transportation) (See In-Person Guidance Document for additional information)</p>	