Welcome!
Why are we here?

- Share what we know and do not yet know about the 2020-21 school year
- Listen to our students, families, and staff to better understand:
  - What are your concerns?
  - What is important to you?
  - What might we not be thinking about?
Agenda

- Provide update on reopening planning
- Facilitate small group conversation circles
- Report out
- Q&A
Planning Process: Reopening Task Force

- Made up of teachers, parents, community members, campus-based leadership, and central office staff including professional and classified
- Charged with exploring options to ensure that we are prepared to begin the 2020-21 school year under a variety of conditions
- Created considerations and implications for 28 key areas
Key Areas Considered

- Academics
- Accountability
- Athletics
- Communication & Community Engagement
- Early Childhood
- Equity
- Elementary Schools Systems
- Finance/Budgetary Impacts
- Food Services
- Health Services
- High Schools Systems
- Human Capital/Staffing
- Humanities
- Life Safety and Police
- Library Media
- Middle Schools Systems
- Multilingual Education
- Music, Art, PE
- Operations/Facilities
- Parent Support
- SEL
- Special Education
- State & Federal Compliance
- STEM
- Student Safety
- Student Services
- Transportation
- Technology & Equipment
What will next school year look like?
What we still don’t know:

● What Federal, State and Local regulations will be in place
● How social distancing will limit capacities of classrooms, busses, etc.
● What testing and cleaning protocols will be required
● What future months will look like in terms of COVID cases in Travis County
What we know:

● We have an approved calendar - First day of school: August 18
● COVID-19 will still continue to exist in our community
● It is unlikely a vaccine will be available by fall
● Preparing for 2020-21 is going to take a collaborative effort among students, families and staff
No matter what model of education we implement, we will...

● Maintain the ability to quickly shift to virtual learning with increased accountability for student engagement

● Continuous electronic accessibility for students, staff and families to offer *choice*!
Health Authority Guidance

AISD is committed to following federal, state, and local health authority guidance from:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Travis County Health & Human Services
- Austin Public Health

We will continue to adapt our protocols and plans with the direction of the health experts in the district, utilizing guidance from the above health organizations.
Small Group
Conversation Circles
Agreements:

- Hear the experiences of others
- Respect others’ opinions, even if they are different from yours
- Speak from your own experience (no advice-giving or arguing w/someone’s experience)
- What is said here, stays here, what is learned here, leaves here
Guiding Questions:

1. What would you need to feel comfortable returning to school and/or work in-person?

2. What would you need to be successful if the district must continue some form of distance learning?

3. What is something you were hoping to learn or discuss today that hasn’t yet come up?

Optimistic closure: Share with us an unexpected or joyous learning moment from your distance learning experience.
Keep in mind:

● No one shares twice until everyone has had the opportunity to share once per question
● Speak one at a time to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be heard
● Accept and expect “non-closure”-we’re not here to resolve issues and concerns. **We’re here to listen.**
Reminder: Fill out the 2020 Census
Let’s Talk & Family Support Line: 512-414-9187
Let’s Talk now available through text

READY. SET. TEXT!

Austin ISD is here to serve you. We know it's not always easy to find time to reach out and that other unforeseen obstacles can present additional challenges.

That’s why we’ve made it even easier for you to reach out by doing something you already do every day: Texting! Powered by our Let’s Talk! customer service solution, our new texting option enables you to reach out anytime, from anywhere—and a timely response is guaranteed.

Here’s how it works:

1. Submit your feedback
   Text your question, comment, concern, suggestion, or compliment to the number below. Be sure to include any essential information, such as your name and the school you or your child attends.

2. Receive a thank-you message
   You’ll get an automatic confirmation from the district letting you know your submission has been received.

3. The right person is notified and responds
   Your text will be automatically routed to the appropriate person or department in Let’s Talk! where team members can then collaborate to compose and send responses.

4. Receive a text response
   You’ll receive a timely response via text message that is complete, accurate, and courteous.

5. Share feedback on your experience
   After your conversation is finished, you’ll have an opportunity to rate your experience. We use that feedback to determine what we're doing well and identify opportunities to continue improving our customer service.

What are you waiting for?
Send us today at (512) 886-6434.
Family Summer Support

We’re here to help with your needs this summer.

To do that, 30 of our Parent Support Specialists will be available through July 31 to:

- connect families in need with internal and external resources;
- provide and coordinate educational opportunities for parents and guardians so that they can assist their child in summer learning; and
- communicate with and engage families in multiple ways to keep them informed of district activities.

To connect with a PSS in your area, please contact Jennifer Vasquez with the Parent Engagement Support Office at 512-414-0726 or at jennifer.vasquez@austinisd.org.
Reopening Updates: Summer Vision

Visit [www.austinisd.org/covid19](http://www.austinisd.org/covid19) click “Communications > Reopening News and FAQs"
Thank You!

For the privilege of your time

Thank you for sharing your
time
talent
resources

with our students, our families and schools.