



PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN PARAMOUNT SCHOOLS



Study Session – Covid Safety and District Updates

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COVID-19 Testing Program- Students

- 1100+ students are tested each week
 - Testing is done during school hours
 - PCR testing is administered by SHOTs
 - Results are available between 24-36 hours of test collection
 - Parents can opt-in and out of testing at anytime
- Results are sent electronically to parents, District Nurses and HR
 - Any positive results are noted, contact tracing begins, and quarantining procedures are implemented



COVID-19 Testing Program- Staff

- Approximately 509 staff are mandatorily being tested each week in accordance with State Guidelines
 - Testing is done in AM and PM on Tuesdays at each site with make-up day on Wed
 - PCR testing is administered by SHOTs
 - Results are available between 24-36 hours of test collection
 - Staff who are vaccinated and have submitted their vaccination cards to HR are not required to test
 - Employees also have the option to go to any preferred medical provider for alternative times or other clinical test options (Per LADPH, home tests are not allowed at this time)
- Results are sent electronically to HR
 - Any positive results are noted, contact tracing begins, and quarantining procedures are implemented



Additional Site Support

- District office staff supports school sites every Wednesday for student Covid-19 testing
- Medical Assistants from our own CTE Pathway support each site on Tuesdays for staff testing
 - Medical Assistants received specialized training before assisting sites
 - CTE coursework credit is given for the work being performed



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COVID-19 Testing Program- Demonstration





Additional Site Support – PubSEG & COVID Clinic

- Partnerships with PubSEG & COVID Clinic to support our COVID prevention efforts
 - PUBSEG will provide 3 full time staff who will work 7 days a week performing contact tracing needs.
 - COVID Clinic will provide more Covid testing opportunities for any staff wishing to be tested weekly





District Outreach

- COVID-19 Vaccination Program
 - March 2021 – the District worked at length to engage partners including Compton Community College, Local Clinics, and Whittier Hospital for the just released vaccines for District employees
 - After extensive outreach to all employees, 768 staff redeemed vaccination codes and received at least their first dose.
 - Between the District's efforts and our employees' initiative we have approximately 1,558 employees vaccinated.

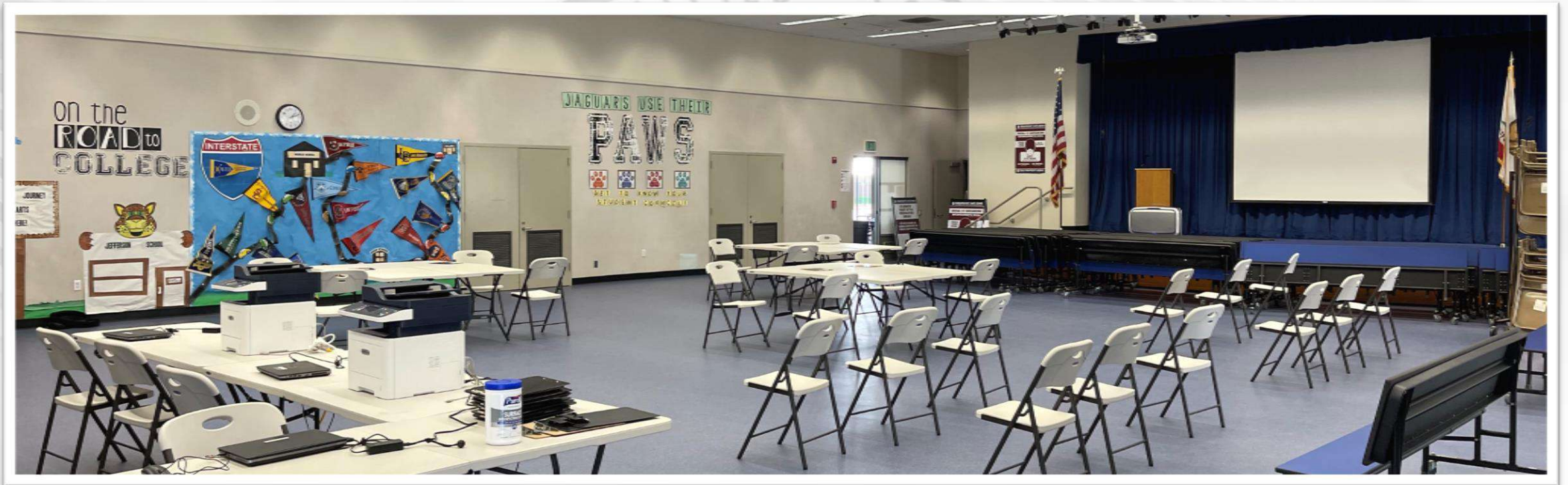


District Outreach (cont'd)

- PUSD's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
 - June 2021 - A partnership between PUSD, LA County Health, and Paramount Pharmacy was developed to deliver vaccinations to staff, students and the Paramount Community
 - The Clinic is located at Jefferson School inside their MPR and is open most Fridays from 4-8pm
 - The Clinic is supported by PUSD staff, Paramount Pharmacist, nursing students, and volunteers
 - 1,589 people have been vaccinated so far



COVID Vaccination Clinic at Jefferson School





Quarantine Guidelines

QUARANTINE GUIDELINE*

The following will happen when someone is in close contact (with in six feet) with a positive individual for 15 minutes or more (within a 24-hour period.) Follow the column based on the COVID exposed individual's vaccination status. **Fully vaccinated means 14 days after final vaccination.**

Fully Vaccinated	Unvaccinated
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not required to quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required to quarantine (stay home) for 10 days.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must monitor self for symptoms for 14-days.	<p>IF...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exposed individual tests with a laboratory confirmed test on day 6 of exposure and they wait 48 hours for results and if negative, the individual may return to the site on Day 8 if they remain asymptomatic.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If symptoms develop during that time, the individual needs to stay home:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Employees notify supervisor▪ Parents notify school for studentsA quarantine will be required.	<p>IF...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Symptoms develop during the 10-day quarantine, an adjusted quarantine timeline will be developed.

*Based on current guidelines from the Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

CONFIRMED POSITIVE COVID CASE



1

**POSITIVE CASE IS
CONFIRMED
WITH A
DOCUMENTED
POSITIVE
LABORATORY
RESULT**



2

**BEGIN CLOSE
CONTACT
TRACING:
(CLOSE
CONTACT IS
WITHIN 6 FEET
FOR 15 MINUTES
OR MORE)**



3

**CONSULTATION
WITH DISTRICT
NURSE**



4

**UNVACCINATED
CLOSE CONTACTS
ARE QUARANTINED,
PARENTS ARE
CONTACTED, AND
STUDENTS ARE
SENT HOME.
VACCINATED
STUDENTS REMAIN
AT SCHOOL**



5

**WRITTEN
NOTIFICATIONS
SENT TO
FAMILIES AND
STAFF**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



COVID Compliance Team

- The team was reconvened to update the District COVID plan.
- Areas of the plan were updated to follow current CDPH/LADPH guidelines
- The compliance team reviewed the documents that were presented at the beginning of the year and updated them to assure consistency of practices
- Magnets were distributed to all families to serve as a reminder of keeping students' home if they are experiencing COVID-like symptoms
- The value of vaccines was included into the plan
- A statement was added to the plan that acknowledges that the *“document serves as a basis, site variations may exist related to staffing, facilities and related needs”*.



HVAC Systems

- Sites have HEPA air filters placed inside all rooms and offices in addition to the regular HVAC systems
- All sites in the district have MERV-13 or MERV-16 filtration on their HVAC systems
 - Beginning this month sites that currently utilize MERV-13 and being upgraded to MERV-16





Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

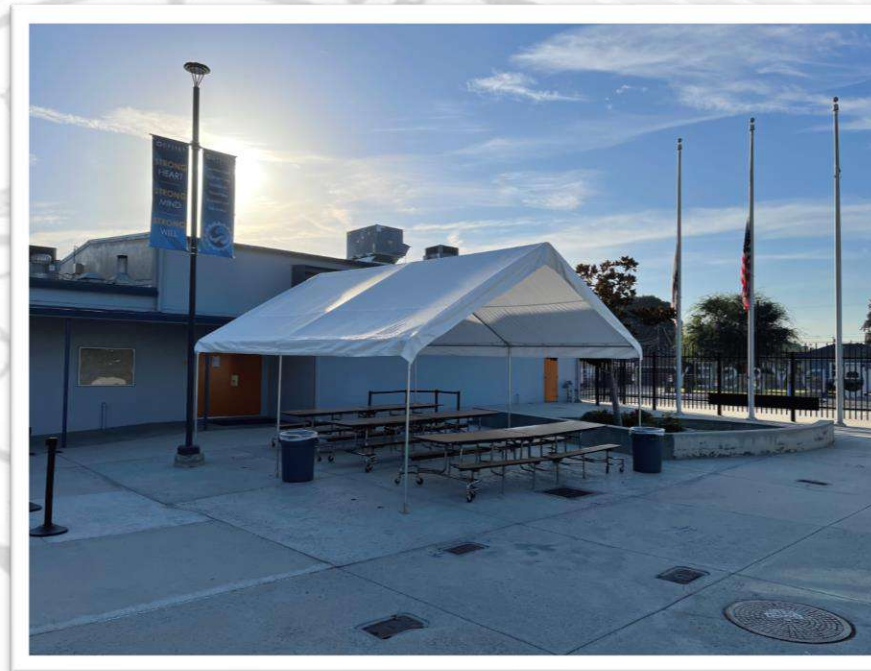
- All classrooms and offices have PPE provided for staff and students
- Site supplies are regularly refreshed, and new equipment can be requested by any site with same day deliver in most cases
- Specialized PPE for programs such as Speech, Mod/Severe SDC, and for COVID testing is supplied as needed





Facility and Student Nutrition Adjustments

- Health rooms
- Signage throughout campus
- Outdoor eating
- Grab and go breakfast





PUSD CTE Pathway offerings

2021-22

Pathway	
1. Architectural Design (PLTW)	8. Esports Game Design (<i>coming January</i>)
2. Biomedical Science (PLTW)	9. Food Service and Hospitality
3. Computer Science (PLTW)	10. Patient Care
4. Design, Visual and Media Arts	11. Sports Medicine
5. Education, Child Development & Family Services	
6. Engineering Design (PLTW)	
7. Entrepreneurship	



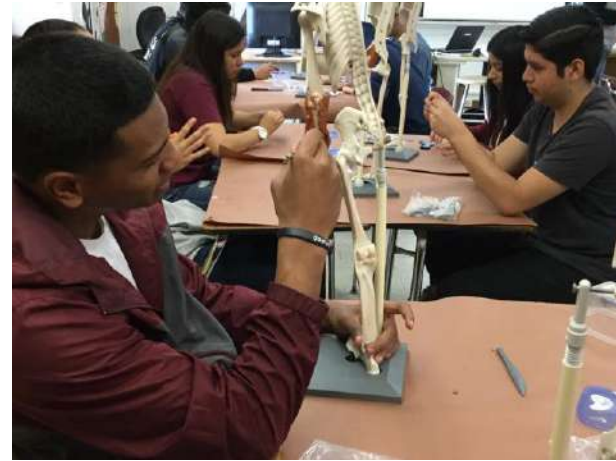
CTE Facts

- 5 out of the last 6 PHS Valedictorians completed at least one CTE pathway
- 7 courses articulated with Cerritos College (2 Pending)
- More than 2,000 students take CTE courses each day at PHS and Buena Vista
- Industry standard facilities, equipment & supplies
- Work-based learning
- Real world application
- Hands-on learning
- Industry partnerships
- Annual CTE Advisory Committee
- Linked Learning/Project Based Learning
- 21st Century Skills



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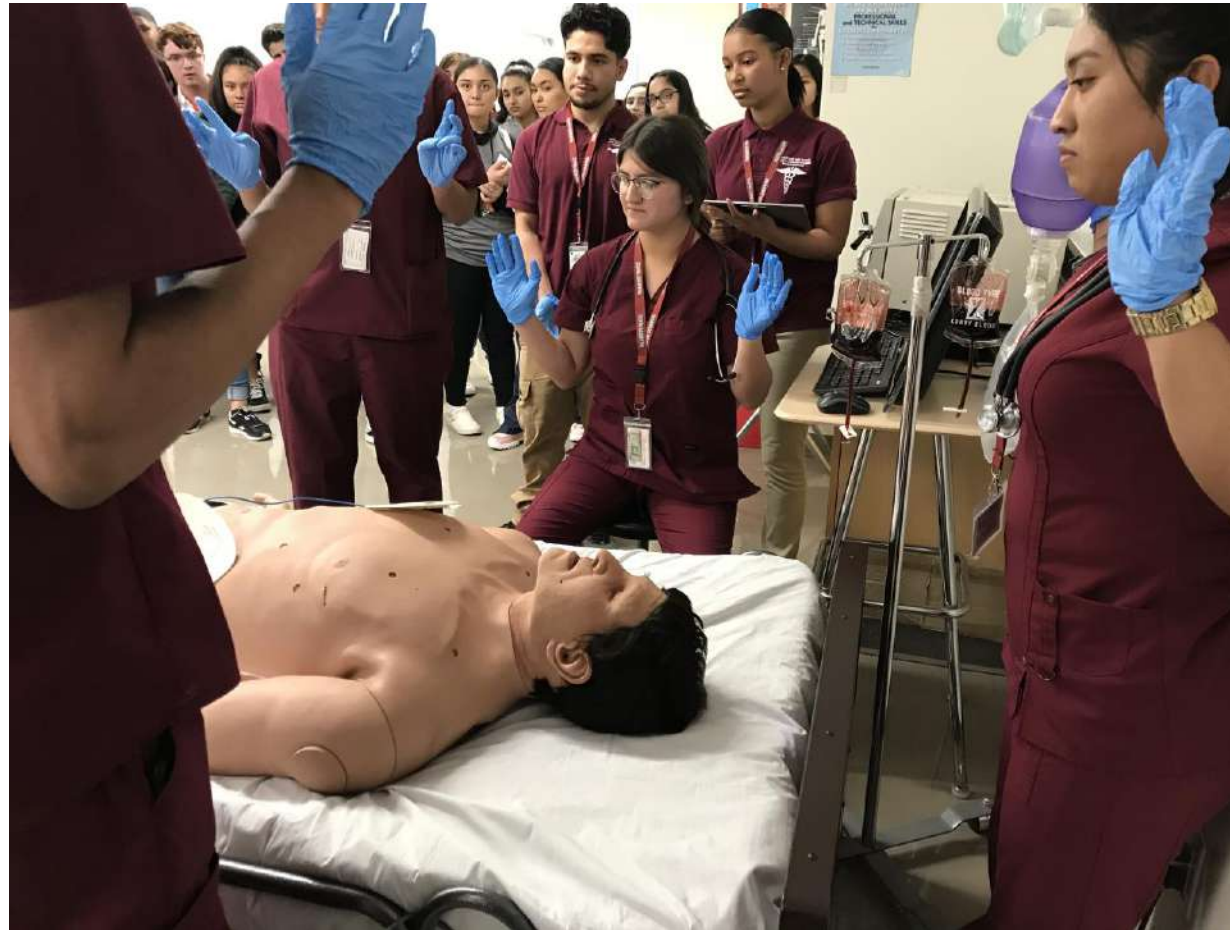
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nfte! 2020 National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge



JADER G.
RENEWABLE ROLLERS



MARIELA C.
SOLE



YNGJUN T.
PEDRA



JACQUELINE S.
EARTHLINGS



JALEN G.
ENTREPRENEUR

2020 Los Angeles Finalists
Road to Nationals



National Investor Pitch Finalists



Samya Zia



Joaquin Otero



Yulisa Reveles





What's Next for CTE?

- Enrichment courses in summer
- Course expansion in select pathways
- Linked Learning expansion
- Esports Game Design



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