

Butte County Waiver Application Cover Form

(for use by a Local Education Agency or equivalent)

Instructions:

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

Background Information:

Name of Applicant/District (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent):

Paradise Adventist Elementary

School Type: Traditional Public School
 Charter School
 Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of Schools: 1 Enrollment: 36

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: David Vixie

Address: 5699 Academy Drive
Address Line 1 & 2

Paradise, CA, 95969
City State Zip

Proposed Grades Reopening: TK K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th

Proposed # of Students per Grade: 2 2 3 2 3 1 8

Proposed Reopening Date: August 24, 2020

School Website Link where the Reopening Plan is Posted:

https://mypae.net or https://mypae.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/pae-school-reopening-plan-2020-2021.pdf

Name of Person Completing Application: David Vixie

Phone Number: 530 864 5095 Email: dvixie@mypae.net

Signature: David R Vixie Date: 8-6-2020

Parent and Community Organizations

Each enrolled family has been contacted through email, 8-5-2020, and sent a copy of the reopening plan. Today, 8-6-2020, there is a live zoom meeting to answer questions and give further clarity. The parents have all been given access to the plan through the school website as well.

The operating school board received an email copy of the school reopening plan. There is a live zoom meeting today with the board to provide answers and clarity further. I have also talked to several school board members by phone.

II. Elementary School Reopening Plans

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent):

- Cleaning and Disinfection:** How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.
- Cohorting:** How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.
- Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.
- Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.
- Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.
- Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.

- ☑ **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff, including contact information, to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.
- ☑ **Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.
- ☑ **Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application, enforcement of the plan, and information related to testing and contact tracing requirements.
- ☑ **Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections in accordance with CDPH guidance.
- ☑ **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.
- ☑ **Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, parents, and the local health department about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.

Additional Resources:

CDPH and Cal/OSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

California Department of Education Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/strongertogether.asp>

CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf>



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

COVID Reopening Plan on Website

1 message

Brielle Tym <brielle@paradiseadventist.org>
To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 1:31 PM

As one of the administrators of the mypae.net website for the Paradise Adventist Elementary school, I have uploaded the schools reopening plans onto the homepage. The plans can be viewed by the public by going on the homepage and clicking the link under "General Information" or by going to the following link:

<https://mypae.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/PAE-school-reopening-plan-2020-2021.pdf>

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Brielle Tym
PAC Office Intern
brielle@paradiseadventist.org



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

To Whom it May Concern:

1 message

Kimberly Baumbach <k@cknjb.net>

Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 6:41 PM

To: dvixie@mypae.net

To Whom it May Concern:

As a teacher at Paradise Adventist Elementary, it is my desire to hold in-person classes for our students. We are a small school on a large campus with plenty of space to social distance within our classrooms and outdoor space to provide opportunities for learning outside.

Our principal and I have met together to work on writing and reviewing our school plan for re-opening in-person instruction. We met on 2 separate dates: Monday, July 27 and Wednesday, August 5. We have reviewed and discussed the entire plan to make sure that we are providing a safe working and learning environment for all of our students and staff.

As a teacher, I believe my students desperately need to be given in-person instruction. Many of my students have limited access to internet and computers. My students have also suffered from learning loss as a result of the Campfire.

Please thoughtfully consider our application for waiver to provide in-person instruction.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Baumbach
Grades 3-6 teacher

To Whom it May Concern,

I will be teaching Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade this 2020-2021 school year at Paradise Adventist Elementary School and I strongly want to meet in-person for regular class time with my little students. At this age it is extremely important for little ones to have access to lots of physical and active learning experiences to develop their fine and gross motor skills, exercise, and create together. Little ones do much better learning by doing rather than by listening to or watching me on a screen (online or Zoom learning). It is critical that little ones learn how to write correctly, become independent learners with teacher support, and develop their social skills as they learn how to function as a member in their classroom. The parents of my K, 1st, and 2nd grade students in WA state (where I taught last school year, 2019-2020) who had to do distance learning because of the pandemic told me their children missed me and school so, so much. Some parents had children who outright refused to do school work, so their academic progress was stunted. Family dynamics do not always allow little ones to be properly supervised and academically guided by their parents at home. I'd like my new K, 1st, and 2nd grade students at Paradise Adventist Elementary School to begin the school year in person so we can establish our trust, enjoy one another, learn to care for one another, and bond with each other. I believe we teachers will all take appropriate precautions to ensure our students practice good distancing, hygiene, and follow health rules so that we can all stay well. As a small school with a big campus, we have lots of extra space inside and outside to keep our distance appropriate for all the various learning we have planned. I received the school plan for re-opening in-person instruction via email today on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020. The principal and I have communicated about this topic on August 5th, 2020 and I have expressed my hope to meet in person from the beginning of the school year. I believe our plan will provide our students and staff a safe way to meet together.

Please consider our application for a waiver to provide in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

Heather May, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teacher



Yahoo <rccochrane@yahoo.com>

8/6/2020 11:13 PM

PAE Reopening

To David Vixie <dvixie@mypaa.net>

To whom it may concern:

On August 6, there was a lengthy discussion via Zoom meeting by the Paradise Adventist Elementary Board regarding plans for the reopening of the school. After discussion it was voted unanimously to approve the school reopening plan which has been posted on our website, on August 6, 2020

Richard Cochrane
School board chairperson

Sent from my iPhone



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

Rachel Carlson <twinturtle2@yahoo.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 5:35 PM

To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Matt and Rachel Carlson participated in a Zoom call on 8/6/2020 with Mr. Vixie, principal of PAE, to discuss the school reopening plan. We are supportive of the plan.

Rachel Carlson

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2020, at 12:09 AM, Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net> wrote:

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Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

Matthew Carlson <carlson1744@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 5:13 PM

To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Cc: Abdiel Bosque <AjbosPR@gmail.com>, Amanda Avakian <amandavakian@gmail.com>, Amber Chastain <amber2bpa@yahoo.com>, Barte Avakian <sahoon84@sbcglobal.net>, Chris Baumbach <c@cknjb.net>, Dale Seaton <dalseaton@gmail.com>, Daniel Jeffrey <danieljeffrey8888@yahoo.com>, David Alves <55davidalves@gmail.com>, Dawn Horning <dawnmariehorning@gmail.com>, Devon Horning <devonhorning@gmail.com>, Erik Lindgren <es_lindgren@yahoo.com>, Gail LaPlante Stahl <1956mdg@gmail.com>, Geoffrey Chinnock <gjchinnock@hotmail.com>, Jennifer Seaton <seaton.jen@gmail.com>, Joelle Chinnock <jochinnock@mypaa.net>, Julie Kitto <4kittos@comcast.net>, Kimberly Baumbach <k@cknjb.net>, Mark Lockwood <mlblue42@gmail.com>, Mary Ann McDonald <westernflagpole@att.net>, McHenry Carol <mccarol@verizon.net>, Michele Lockwood <mjlockwood@hotmail.com>, Milton McHenry <mcmilton@verizon.net>, Moita Lindgren <moita@sbcglobal.net>, Natalie Hoepfner <nattiehoepf@gmail.com>, Noel Alves <nmeyer3@mail.csuchico.edu>, Rachel Carlson <twinturtle2@yahoo.com>, Shannon Magpusao <shannmag@gmail.com>, Shannon Magpusao <shangreeneyes@gmail.com>, Stephanie Jeffrey <dnsjeffrey@yahoo.com>, Steve Hamilton <steve.hamilton@nccsda.com>, Taline Coulier <tncoulier@gmail.com>, Whitney Bosque <wcbosque@gmail.com>, mecarli115@yahoo.com, mhaskins@puc.edu

Hi Dave,

Thanks for the informative meeting via zoom this afternoon Aug 6. We are looking forward to as much in person teaching as possible.

Matt and Rachel Carlson

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August 6, 2020

Paradise Elementary School
Dave Vixie, Principal
PO Box 2319
Paradise, CA 95957-2319

DEAR MR. VIXIE,

I am writing in support of all efforts to have in-person school at Paradise Adventist Elementary (PAE) at the start of the upcoming 2020/2021 school year.

As you are aware, my wife and I have four school aged children registered to attend PAE for this coming year. With approximately 40 children registered at PAE, my family represents 10% of the enrollment. Over the past many months I have observed my children's behavioral and academic performance decline as a result of not being able to meet in person with their teachers and friends. The current pandemic has also exacerbated the emotional impacts of the Camp Fire on my children.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) both state the importance of reopening schools and recommend in-person school:

CDC: "The best available evidence indicates if children become infected, they are far less likely to suffer severe symptoms. Death rates among school-aged children are much lower than among adults. At the same time, the harms attributed to closed schools on the social, emotional, and behavioral health, economic well-being, and academic achievement of children, in both the short- and long-term, are well-known and significant. Further, the lack of in-person educational options disproportionately harms low-income and minority children and those living with disabilities."

AAP: "...strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school."

The school facility for PAE once accommodated 200 students before the Camp Fire, with only 40 student enrolled now we could easily implement social distancing and other protocols that would mitigate the risk of transmitting Covid.

In my opinion, the health risks to our children of not attending in-person school *far outweigh* the health risks associated Covid. My children need in-person school, and by not doing so there is real, lasting damage being done to them by keeping schools like PAE closed.

Sincerely,



Geoff Chinnock

Jen Seaton <seaton.jen@gmail.com>

8/6/2020 10:52 PM

School reopening

To David Vixie <dvixie@mypaa.net>

Thank you Mr Vixie for sending a copy of the school reopening plan via email. We appreciate all that the school is doing during this contagious time to protect our children. We fully support the plan for safety that has been laid out and we and our children will comply.

Thank you,

Dale and Jennifer Seaton



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Reopening plan

1 message

Amber <amber2bpa@yahoo.com>
To: dvixie@mypae.net

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 7:39 AM

I have read the E-mail regarding the reopening plan for our school PAE and I think it adequately covers all concerns that one may have concerning COVID-19. I think it's essential that our kids go back to in person learning ASAP. I know my children have been eager to get back to some sense of normalcy which includes in class learning and seeing their friends.

Thank you Amber Chastain
8/6/2020

Sent from my iPhone



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

Devon Horning <devonhorning@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 10:02 AM

To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Hi Mr. Vixie,

I have read the reopening plan given to me by email on 8/5/2020. I support the plan. Devon read the plan emailed to him on 8/05/2020 and likewise supports it.

Thank you for your hard work!

Dawn Horning

On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 9:07 PM Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net> wrote:

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept the waiver to allow Paradise Adventist Elementary (PAE) school to operate as an in-person school when it starts the 2020-2021 school year. We plan to send our two children to PAE this fall. Our son especially needs the structure that an in-person school provides. School at home does not work well for our family. Last Spring during sheltering in place when our kids had to do school online, our son's grades dropped 2 letter grades even though we did our best to maintain an academic structure at home. We understand there are risks to social interactions such as school but for our family, we feel that in-person school provides more benefit.

Thank you for considering this waiver,

Dawn and Devon Horning



Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

Rachel Carlson <twinturtle2@yahoo.com>
To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 10:20 AM

Matt and Rachel Carlson reviewed and support the plan outlined in the PDF file on 8/7/2020.

Rachel Carlson
Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2020, at 12:09 AM, Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net> wrote:

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Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

Milton McHenry <mcmilton@verizon.net>
To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>
Cc: mccarol@verizon.net

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 6:32 AM

Wow! Dave! That is a huge job!

Regards,

Milton McHenry

5377 Edgewood Lane

Paradise, CA., 95969

From: Dave Vixie [mailto:dvixie@mypae.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:09 PM

To: Abdiel Bosque <AjbosPR@gmail.com>; Amanda Avakian <amandavakian@gmail.com>; Amber Chastain <amber2bpa@yahoo.com>; Barte Avakian <sahoon84@sbcglobal.net>; Chris Baumbach <c@cknjb.net>; Dale Seaton <dalseaton@gmail.com>; Daniel Jeffrey <danieljeffrey8888@yahoo.com>; David Alves <55davidalves@gmail.com>; Dawn Horning <dawnmariehorning@gmail.com>; Devon Horning <devonhorning@gmail.com>; Erik Lindgren <es_lindgren@yahoo.com>; Gail LaPlante Stahl <1956mdg@gmail.com>; Geoffrey Chinnock <gjchinnock@hotmail.com>; Jennifer Seaton <seaton.jen@gmail.com>; Joelle Chinnock <jochinnock@mypaa.net>; Julie Kitto <4kittos@comcast.net>; Kimberly Baumbach <k@cknjb.net>; Mark Lockwood <mlblue42@gmail.com>; Mary Ann McDonald <westernflagpole@att.net>; Matthew Carlson <carlson1744@gmail.com>; McHenry Carol <mccarol@verizon.net>; Michele Lockwood <mjlockwood@hotmail.com>; Milton McHenry <mcmilton@verizon.net>; Moita Lindgren <moita@sbcglobal.net>; Natalie Hoepfner <nattiehoepf@gmail.com>; Noel Alves <nmeyer3@mail.csuchico.edu>; Rachel Carlson <twinturtle2@yahoo.com>; Shannon Magpusao <shangreeneyes@gmail.com>; Shannon Magpusao <shannmag@gmail.com>; Stephanie Jeffrey <dnsjeffrey@yahoo.com>; Steve Hamilton <steve.hamilton@nccsda.com>; Taline Coulier <tncoulier@gmail.com>; Whitney Bosque <wcbosque@gmail.com>; mhaskins@puc.edu; mecarli115@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: PAE School reopening plan 2020

On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 9:07 PM Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net> wrote:

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Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

PAE School reopening plan 2020

amandavakian@gmail.com <amandavakian@gmail.com>

Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 9:24 PM

To: Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net>

Good evening! Bartev and I have reviewed the school's plan for reopening and we support the precautionary measures being implemented.

Amanda Avakian
Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 5, 2020, at 9:09 PM, Dave Vixie <dvixie@mypae.net> wrote:

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