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): Children's Community Charter School

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

Number of Schools: 1 Enrollment: 110

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: Dr. Michelle Farrer

Address: 6830 Pentz Road
Address Line 1 & 2

Paradise, Ca, _____
City *State* *Zip*

Proposed Grades Reopening:	☒ TK	☒ K	☒ 1st	☒ 2nd	☒ 3rd	☒ 4th	☒ 5th	☒ 6th
Proposed # of Students per Grade:	4	11	14	11	12	17	12	8

Proposed Reopening Date: 9/1/2020

School Website Link where the Reopening Plan is Posted:
https://paradisecccs.org/

Name of Person Completing Application: Michelle Farrer

Phone Number: 5308772227 Email: mfarrer@paradisecccs.org

Signature: Michelle Farrer Digitally signed by Michelle Farrer Date: 2020.08.27 11:01:21 -07'00' Date: 8.27.2020

I. Consultation

Phone number and email for the public to contact the District/School about the waiver:

Phone Number: 530-877-2227 Email: mfarrer@paradisecccs.org

Please confirm consultation with the following groups and provide a detailed description of the consultation process. Include the Name of Organization(s), Date(s) Consulted, and any relevant information such as meeting minutes or notes. Attach additional documentation if needed.

☒ Labor Organizations

Our labor organization is CCCSTA. There was a survey taken of the unit members by the organization president. It was reported to the school principal that the members were on board for moving forward with applying for the waiver. The principal was informed the 4th grade teacher was not in favor of opening. The school board was informed and directed the principal to move forward with applying for the waiver. We would consider how to best serve our students and our teachers when/if the waiver is approved.

☐ School Site Staff

**If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff*

N/A

■ Parent and Community Organizations

A Survey Monkey survey was sent out to every parent of every student. We had a good response from our parents. Data from the survey showed 87.50% of families surveyed said they want us to move forward with the waiver to have students come back for in person learning. Our school board consists of community members and the community members would like to see our students back on campus for in person education. Of course, all stakeholders want us to adhere to our Safe Reopen Plan and follow all safety guidelines as proposed by the CDC and CDE.

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

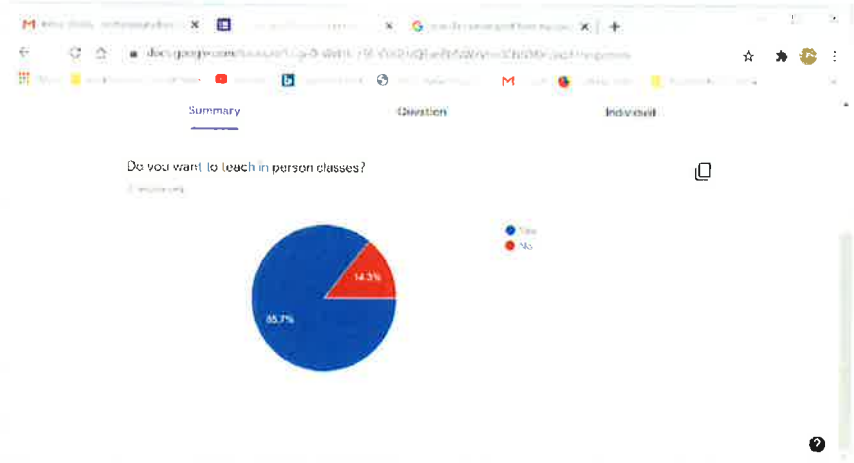
CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf

Michelle Farrer <mfarrer@paradisecccs.org>

Teacher voting results

1 message

Sheri Eichar <seichar@paradisecccs.org> Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 5:45 PM
To: Michelle Farrer <mfarrer@paradisecccs.org>
Cc: Annie Finney <afinney@paradisecccs.org>, Molly Stinson <mstinson@paradisecccs.org>, Melinda Marshall <mmarshall@paradisecccs.org>



Dear Colleagues,
Here are the results of the voting. I have included the CCCSTA board and our principal Michelle Farrer in this email.

Thank you.

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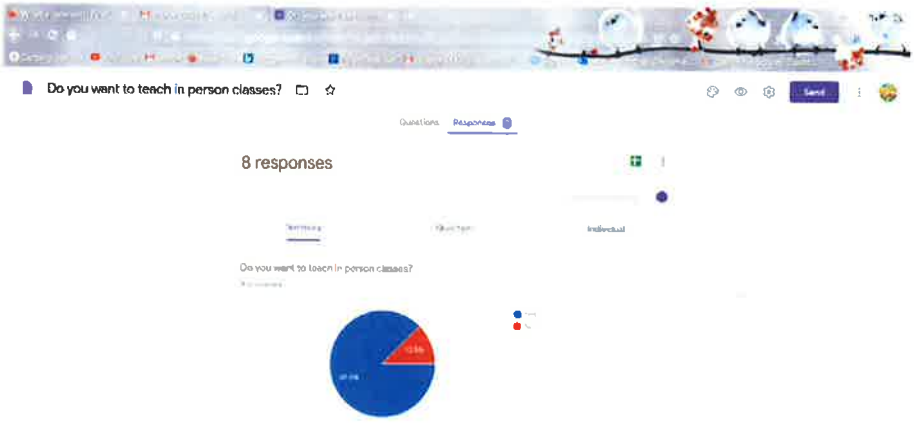
Sheri Eichar
Educator

Michelle Farrer <mfarrer@paradisecccs.org>

One more vote just came in...

1 message

Sheri Eichar <seichar@paradisecccs.org> Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 6:47 PM
To: Michelle Farrer <mfarrer@paradisecccs.org>, Annie Finney <afinney@paradisecccs.org>, Molly Stinson <mstinson@paradisecccs.org>, Melinda Marshall <mmarshall@paradisecccs.org>



Okay, here is the latest. I know the more votes we have the more true our data, so I am sharing with you all.

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Sheri Eichar
Educator

Page 1: We are gaining feedback from our families about moving forward with a waiver to open our school.

Q1

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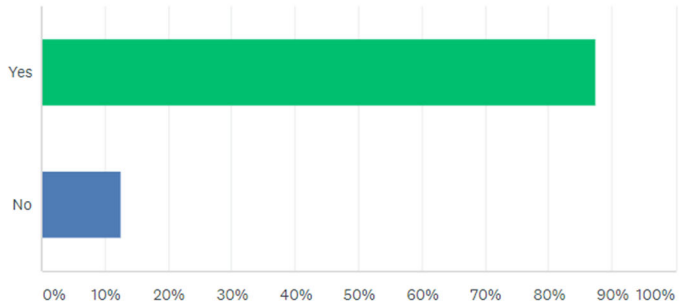
Would you like CCCS to apply for a waiver to open TK-6th grades?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



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Please explain your answer.

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We want to see our friends and miss the classroom education!

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My son deserves to goto school and enjoy making new friends, learn and play like we did growing up. There's kids in daycare, we should be able to have our kids in school. If need be just take temperatures every morning before entering.

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I would like for the CCCS to open up to face-to-face instruction. It would be easier on our family and more importantly for our daughter.

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There is only 15 kids in my class and I am not a teacher, I can't give them the education they need.

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Our son really wants to go and we do too. We feel he deserves to go to school of safety precautions are taken.

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We are two working parents

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I need to work.

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Very difficult time with online learning.

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It's a challenge for a full time single father to find adequate care to teach my son. My parents are helping, but they are disabled and it is challenging for them.

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I've seen multiple cases in person and it's just not as bad as originally thought. The kids will benefit far more from in person learning. There has been less than 40 covid cases on the ridge in the past 5 months.

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This is a pivotal age for these students. Socialization and hands on education is the utmost importance to their academic future.

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Child's mental health and structured school environment is important to me.

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I think my children would benefit being in person class than chrome books.

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Hands on learning with teacher instruction and more motivating for students to complete work

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The mental health of my daughter is definitely being affected by all of this. She is easy to upset and cry. She is frustrated easily. I believe much of this would be rendered if she in the consistent classroom setting, on a typical schedule, with her teacher, with her friends, and with all the supportive staff at CCCS. We cannot accomplish all of that at home.

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Too risky, attempts to open other schools have not had good outcomes. Open for a short while, then forced to close. Better to wait.

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The virus is not an issue! Students are being more harmed mentally and educationally being kept out if the physical classroom

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In ny opinion, it will be healthier and beneficial to meet my daughters needs at the moment. She is behind due to the Camp Fire and from this Covid virus.

The kids need to get back to normal for their benefit.

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I feel more comfortable keeping her out of public settings right now, at least until there is a significant decline in Covid infections in Butte County.

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I believe that the social distance learning is not only hampering my sons learning of basic skills, but also social skills which are vital to any buding young person. Leo thrives in a social environment. He is a very hands on learner.

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My child needs the social interaction and doesn't learn very well from a computer.

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All kids should be able to go to school

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I believe socializing our children is extremely important & they are missing out on so much by sitting at home!

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CCCS is a small enough school that proper social distancing can be done. Our Paradise children are suffering extreme mental/social anguish after loosing their homes, community, friends and silence of normalcy since the fire. The amount of in-class instruction that has been lost since the Paradise Campfire and Covid-19 is becoming detrimental to our children's progress in academics. I think with proper precautions in a school of this size can be done safely and responsibly and in accordance with the health departments recommendations.

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As a mom with a split household, I work 40 hours + a week and homeschooling my child has been difficult. And finding childcare. I also believe kindergarten is a huge stepping stone for our children and their future in education. Please fight to open schools back up. Our kids need each other

Our children need in person learning. Isolation far out weighs the risk of covid for us. Plus my son learns from a teacher with one on one schooling. Our community of kiddos have been through so much and need normalcy of school.

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I feel it's a better learning environment, and it's important for the kids to be with peers.

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I, Daniel Gillander (Braden Gillanders Dad), feel CCCS needs to reopen. I feel that the Damage done to my child's education by him missing in school time would outweigh any risk to him presented by this disease. Although there is a lot we don't know about this disease the current information out suggest that this disease presents a low risk to children. The current CDC guidelines recommend the opening of schools in person as well as the American Academy of Pediatrics. Thank you Daniel Gillander

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Kids need to be back in the classroom.

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We won't be living in Paradise until early November. I don't want to put my kids at risk to get sick from other kids.

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Open for in person class now? Don't think our county is ready for it. It's challenging to school them from home and I know my kids need their teachers and friends but butte county is not taking it seriously enough. Until our numbers move towards improvement, not sure it's a good idea.

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The opportunities that professionals can provide along with the learning environment the school offers far surpasses anything at home. Our kids need interaction and their teachers.

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Our children, especially the younger classes need face to face interaction. They need to learn to develop social skills and making new friends. Learn how to interact with people outside of their house hold. Day cares with the same amount of people are open for all kinds of ages but our small community school can't be open? Our small schools need to be able to be open so our children can get the best education they can. Learn social skills and see friends!

I don't feel that it is safe for students to return for in person instruction yet.

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I think kids learn better in person. Especially my children. They need the intersection with other kids. Of course, with all the precautions in place to Protect everyone

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We feel that the children being in a professional learning environment, with those who can help them and teach them, will greatly benefit them. We, as parents, depend on the teachers assessments of our child's progress.

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My child would benefit from in person learning, socialization and a controlled environment. My husband and I also both work full time which leaves my child under the direction of 4 different people during the week (my husband and 3 grandparents). I think in person learning would be so much more valuable for her education.

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