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Sharon Olken
Gateway Schools
1430 Scott St
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Dear Sharon Olken,

Thank you for submitting your school reopening application. After the review of your reopening plans and our inspection of your school site(s), our team has assessed the following school sites to be **Fully Compliant**. You are hereby allowed to re-open your school for attendance for the following grades and sites.

Gateway High School (9-12)	1430 Scott St	93.4%
Gateway Middle School (6-8)	1512 Golden Gate Ave	92.4%

Schools are required to stagger student return by age group. The youngest cohort may open immediately, followed in intervals of two business weeks by older groups. **Please respond to this email with your planned reopening date.**

The bullets below stem from our team’s review of your reopening plans and onsite protocols and how they relate to the aforementioned criteria. Please take them into regard when you develop your corrective action plan and engage in re-opening activities, especially the areas for improvement.

School Strengths:

- Cohorting—You will keep students in stable cohorts throughout the day, which will reduce the chance that COVID-19 could spread between cohorts.
- Contact Tracing—Your plan for identifying and tracing contacts is detailed and comprehensive.

Areas for Improvement:

- Face Coverings—Please confirm your application follows SFDPH guidance (see page 11 of [current guidance](#)) rather than CDPH policy on face covering use.

- Symptom Screening—Please confirm your application outlines health checks in alignment with [local guidance on health checks](#).
- Quarantine Length—Please confirm your application references [current SFPDH guidelines](#) on quarantine length.
- Facilities
 - Please review your plans on cleaning and disinfection to take into account the following notes: A. The Clorox Healthcare disinfectant wipes is NOT on the EPA N-list for disinfecting Covid-19. B. Fogger or powered sprayer applications may result in lingering airborne chemical aerosols. School must review whether use of this equipment before or during the school day is appropriate and keep this review in their site COVID-19 documentation. School must also verify persons using equipment have been properly trained and provided with necessary personal protective equipment. C. Thymol – Product [Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant Solution] contains thymol, which according to some sources may be an asthmagen. School must review whether fogger or powered sprayer application is appropriate for this product and when during the school operation cycle (before, during, or after classes) the product should be used. This review should be kept in the site COVID-19 documentation.
 - Please review your plans on ventilation to take into account the following notes: A. For classrooms with mech ventilation, try to adjust the fans to run continuously during occupied hours (plus 2 before and after), and not dependent on the thermostat. B. Are the fresh air supply dampers set to maximize the amount of fresh air being supplied.

We hope to see that your re-opening is a success during these unprecedented times. Please let us know if you have any questions, especially as they pertain to COVID-19 safety protocols. You may direct your questions to the San Francisco COVID Schools Hub at Schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org.

Sincerely,



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