



# Checking in With Students

Since April 2, Superintendent Duffy has held four student focus group to hear from students about Distance Learning and its strengthens and challenges. This is a summary of all groups, including details from the most recent group with 5th and 6th graders. Students were selected by their principal or teacher and joined the group via Google Meet or by phone.



## MEETING DETAILS

Number of focus groups: 4 | Number of participants: 42  
Schools

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| - All high schools | - Hanna Ranch |
| - Hercules Middle  | - Mira Vista  |
| - Pinole Middle    | - Murphy      |
| - Helms Middle     | - Peres       |
| - Korematsu Middle | - Stewart     |
| - Crespi Middle    | - Tara Hills  |
| - Chavez           | - Verde       |
| - Grant            | - Washington  |



## MOST RECENT GROUP

Level: 5th/6th grade | Participants: 10

What we heard:

### Likes

- Flexibility to get work done
- Individual calls from teachers
- Less stress
- Quiet work space

### Challenges

- Missing friends
- Routines
- Loss of big events
- No extracurricular activities
- Immediate support
- Families not understanding work
- Not as many supplies

**DURING THE FOCUS GROUPS, STUDENTS DISCUSSED, WORKLOAD, LEARNING, ROUTINES, ASSISTANCE, TECH ACCESS, AND WHAT THEY MISSED ABOUT SCHOOL.**



## WHAT WE HEARD: DISTANCE LEARNING

### Likes

- Flexible schedule
- Talking with teachers
- Zoom classes
- Projects
- Innovative lessons
- Ability to replay lessons

### Challenges

- Workload (in HS, MS)
- Immediate help
- Getting help at home
- Routines
- No in-person interaction
- Learning vs. doing



## WHAT WE HEARD: SOCIO-EMOTIONAL

- Anxieties around health
- Anxiety about employment
- Loss of in-person interactions
- Missing out/loss of big events
- What graduation will look like
- Internet access (first group)
- What will next year look like

Focus groups were held in partnership with District principals and teachers and the communications department. Three more focus groups are scheduled for the month of May (high school, middle school, and elementary).