



Gompers Preparatory Academy
An Independent Charter School
Proposal for On-Campus Activities

March 25, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Gompers Preparatory Academy,

Thank you for your continued support of our charter school. We are not a large school district, but we have a big heart for our community during these uncertain times. Although San Diego has recently moved into the Red Tier, our surrounding community numbers of CoVid-19 infection rates are still higher than other neighboring communities. This critical data is an essential element of consideration as we propose our “reopening plan.”

We understand the urgency to have our Eagles back on campus, but we also want to ensure all safety precautions are in place to the best of our ability. We also understand the news of how large districts are planning their next steps may cause questions about the plans for our independent charter school on the corner of 47th and Hilltop.

The recent parent survey results indicated approximately 27% of GPA parents want to send their child to “Recess at GPA” after their virtual classes from home. Additionally, 18% of GPA parents wish to send their child to campus, supervised by a support staff member, to continue engaging in Zoom classes with their teachers online. Approximately 48% of GPA parents who completed our on-campus distance learning survey stated they would **not** be sending their child to campus this academic year.

We understand and respect all of our parents’ decisions to either keep your children at home learning virtually or send them onto the campus to continue distance learning. We are committed to providing an in-person virtual environment at school while providing the option for the parents who elect to remain in the virtual environment at home.

GPA is adhering to the County Health Department Guidelines to provide an on-site virtual experience for those who will elect to be on-site and do what is necessary to promote safety to the fullest extent possible. Mask-wearing is mandatory while on campus for all students and

staff, which may factor into your decisions. Our school has set up enhanced cleaning protocols that meet the current health guidelines from our State.

Our current Distance Learning plan is a testament to all the hard working GPA staff and leaders who have focused on providing the best quality education in a virtual environment. We have seen incredible attendance results, with an average daily attendance of 97% and over 700 students achieving Semester 1 Honor Roll awards. Additionally, we are proud to share our great news from the most recent college acceptance data. GPA seniors accepted to a four-year university have reached 51%, and our numbers are still climbing! Well done, Class of 2021!

As students continue to work diligently in their virtual classrooms, we don't want to disrupt their success and concentration during the 3rd quarter. Our Student Support Wednesdays have proven to be a great support to both teachers and students that have yielded many favorable results.

We believe it would be best for our school community to initiate changes to the instructional program after the 3rd quarter-finals are taken in April while still providing mental health support and physical activity on campus with Recess @ GPA. At the beginning of the 4th quarter, we would like to offer an additional layer of support to our students by allowing distance learning classes to be taken on campus as part of our proposed 4-step approach.

We believe this unique and deliberate 4-step approach preserves what is currently working at GPA while still providing additional support to our families as we end this school year. We will continue to work with the SDEA (Union) on our proposal. Updates to our parents will be forthcoming on our union negotiations.

The following is a glance at our proposed 4-Step timeline.

<p>Step 1</p> <p>“Recess @ GPA”</p> <p>Click Link for more details</p> <p><i>Tentative Start Date</i></p> <p>April 12, 2021</p>	<p>Step 2</p> <p>“Distance Learning @ GPA”</p> <p>Click Link for more details</p> <p><i>Tentative Start Date</i></p> <p>4th quarter</p>	<p>Step 3</p> <p>“Summer @ GPA 2021”</p> <p>Click Link for more details</p> <p><i>Tentative Start Date</i></p> <p>July 2021</p>	<p>Step 4</p> <p>“2021-2022 @ GPA”</p> <p>Click Link for more details</p> <p><i>Tentative Start Date</i></p> <p>August 2021</p>
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There will be challenges no matter what, but we will continue to move forward and face these challenges with the fervor necessary to overcome them as we have done all year. The word resiliency comes to mind. Our entire GPA community's resilient efforts have me believing we will get through this and continue to provide the best possible experience for our students.

Please know that all of us at GPA are here to support our students and parents whether we are able to see you for Recess or Distance Learning on campus or through Distance Learning from home as we conclude this school year.

If there is anything that you need, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us during our virtual office hours. If you need to talk, have questions, or have something to share about the current situation, let us know. We will do our best to assist in any way we can to meet your needs or answer questions.

Working together and supporting each other as we have done throughout this year will get us to a point where we can return to some semblance of our prior routines in the years ahead. I wish all of you peace and blessings during this time and remind you to continue to be safe, follow all guidelines, and continue taking care of yourself and each other.

With Students First,



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