

School Reopening Considerations Board Workshop
July 7, 2020

Background:

Assembly Bill 77 (Source <https://localnewsmatters.org/>):

In response to reports of uneven access and low-quality distance learning during school closures, legislators will require districts to do the following (see section [43502 of AB-77](#)):

- Confirm that all students have access to a computer and internet at home in order to participate in distance learning.
- Provide standards-aligned content and instruction.
- Provide daily live interaction with students “for the purposes of instruction, progress monitoring and maintaining school connectedness.”
- Maintain regular communication with parents on student progress.
- Establish procedures to re engage students who are absent for more than 60 percent of instruction per week.
- Provide academic supports for English learners, students with disabilities, foster youth, homeless students and students who have fallen behind in their academic progress.
- Continue special education services.

Senate Bill 98 Education Finance (Source [July 2020 Information Memoranda - State Board of Education \(CA Dept of Education\)](#))

- Replaces the requirements for a 2020–21 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Annual Update with a **Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan** (Learning Continuity Plan).
- Requires the Learning Continuity Plan to include specified information about the instruction and support the local educational agency (LEA) will provide to pupils in the 2020–21 school year as a result of the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 and potential school closures. LEAs must adopt their Learning Continuity Plans by September 30, 2020.
- Supersedes the requirement to develop and adopt a Local Control and Accountability Plan by December 15, 2020 established by Executive Order N-56-20.
- Section 34 requires some form of in-person instruction.
- Distance learning may be offered (A) On a local educational agency or school wide level as a result of an order or guidance from a state public health officer or a local public health officer. (B) For pupils who are medically fragile or would be put at risk by in-person instruction, or who are self-quarantining because of exposure to COVID-19.

Assembly Bill 1384* (*Not yet approved/passed.) (Source AB 1384 Fact Sheet KCSOS)

AB 1384 provides that if a local governing board of an LEA or its designee establishes policies and procedures for operating programs and facilities that are consistent with federal, state, and

local legal and regulatory requirements, including consideration of state and local health guidelines, the LEA, its officers or employees, will be exempted from monetary liability and damages for any COVID-19 related injuries.

The bill:

- Does not provide liability protection for gross negligence or for reckless, intentional or willful and wanton misconduct.
- Does not affect workers' compensation coverage for LEA employees.
- Covers the period during the COVID-19 state of emergency or 12 months after the end of the emergency.