COVID-19 Operations Written Report

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Descriptions provided should include sufficient detail yet be sufficiently succinct to promote a broader understanding of the changes your LEA has put in place. LEAs are strongly encouraged to provide descriptions that do not exceed 300 words.

Provide an overview explaining the changes to program offerings that the LEA has made in response to school closures to address the COVID-19 emergency and the major impacts of the closures on students and families.

Response:

PUC Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy, through the leadership of its Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, and in alignment with Los Angeles Unified School District, on March 13, 2020, enacted a multi-phased response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through all phases the main areas of focus were: 1. Continuity of learning and supports for all students, 2. Continuity of Meal provision, and 3. Continuity of mental health services as provided by PUC’s Clinical Counseling Services. During Phase I (March 16 - April 2), the school moved to a “virtual” program offering. There were no changes to course offerings and assignments before the school closures were expected to be completed as best as possible under the circumstances. In addition, the school provided either physical work packets based on universal design or assignments based on current topics and review of previous topics covered through Google Classroom and were adjusted based on individual student needs. Any student not in attendance on Friday, March 13, 2020, were sent packets via email and Google Classroom the following week or were mailed hard copies to ensure 100% of all students had access to assignments by March 27, 2020. Google Classroom began March 30th and teachers posted additional learning, teacher videos, and video conferencing meetings via Zoom for all grades or as appropriate. The PUC Clinical Counseling Services Department supported the school by providing direct one-to-one phone calls to the parents of those receiving clinical counseling services to check-in and offer support as needed. In addition, clinical counselors were utilized to support the school’s effort to check-in with all students and verify the well-being of each student and their family. PUC Schools also began its meal distribution to all students and those in the community within a few days of closure, ensuring that students and families would not be without food.

During Spring Break (April 2 – April 6) the school began the transition to Phase 2. To better gauge the impact of the COVID-19 closure to families, the school surveyed parents around access to technology beginning April 2, 2020 through June 9, 2020. The survey revealed that overall 20.2% of PUC Schools’ students did not have access to a computer, laptop, or iPAD. Indicating that some students did not have the digital capacity at home to complete online schoolwork. The School used this survey to better inform the school’s response to the technology needs of parents and students as the school began to prepare long-term. During Spring Break, the school used the opportunity as a transition week the school distributed technology to all students. The school’s Phase 2 (April 13th - May 29th) included the launch of “Distance Learning 2.0” via Google Classroom and Clever, continued food distribution, and clinical counseling through PUC Schools Clinical Counseling services. Before Phase 2 could begin, the school’s administrations engaged teachers in the development of a long-term comprehensive plan and school-wide expectations for the continuity of learning at PUC Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy which will be further elaborated on in the third question below. During Phase 2, PUC Schools continued to provide parents and community members with opportunities to engage the school. The school continued to hold its School Advisory Committee and English Learner Advisory Committee meetings via synchronous virtual online platform. The meeting highlighted the changes that were made to various compliance items such as the 2019-20 LCAP Updated and the new requirement of submitting this COVID-19 report to LAUSD and the County Office of Education. During the meeting they were given time for input and feedback to the school’s COVID-19 response. Parents voiced their appreciation to the overall PUC COVID-19 response. Noting how “it was great that the same programs available at school were available at home...” which made the transition easier for their child. In addition, the school and teachers provided a lot of support. Parents raised concerns
about the student mental health, in alignment with the teacher feedback. Parents of English Learners raised concerns around their children not understanding the assignments or taking too much time in completing it. In terms of planning for next year, parents, of both English Only and English Learners, requested that their child be given daily ZOOM “live” face-to-face video chat with teachers in order to explain daily work and to do check-ins or to answer any questions around daily assignments. In addition, parents are requesting additional tutoring sessions during the week for students who are academically behind. Finally, parents agreed that ensuring all students have access to laptop and hotspot at home is a priority. This feedback will be considered as we move into Phase 3 planning.

During Phase 1 the Superintendent re-activated the PUC Emergency Management Team with the specific purpose of meeting weekly and providing updates, share concerns, and receiving feedback from the Superintendents with regards to the COVID-19 closure and subsequent issues or needs arising at various sites. During Phase 2 the team has continued meeting on a weekly basis and has now morphed into the Superintendent Task Force 2020 under Phase 3. The purpose of Phase 3 is to plan for the coming school year. In support of this the Superintendent has provided all members resources such as LACOE’s “Rising to the Challenge Reopening Schools Framework” and CDE’s Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California’s Public Schools.” These will be used during the Superintendent Task Force 2020 meetings. In addition, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, in support of further engaging in summer planning for the 2020-2021 school year have begun focus groups that include parents, students, principals, teachers, staff, and other support staff such as Directors and Coordinators. The focus groups will provide feedback as to the affects that COVID-19 has had on students and families. This data will inform the overall planning for the coming school. Already, we have met with 11th and 12th grade students who are in favor of a “face-to-face” return and informed the school how that would benefit their mental health, however, after much discussion it was agreed that perhaps a more cautious opening would be better for all. Teachers have also met and provided their opinion as to how to return. Their preference is that schools remain “virtual” due to health and safety concerns. Once concern they had was the issue how to work to close academic gaps with students. They will continue to be invited to provide feedback through this process. It is the goal of the Superintendents to have a viable plan in place by mid-July. This will provide time to initiate the plan and provide adequate notification to all stakeholders before the August 17 opening of school.

Provide a description of how the LEA is meeting the needs of its English learners, foster youth and low-income students.

Response:
The school supported EL students, foster youth and low-income students through the use of differentiated work in classes, tutoring support services and the provision of resources through our network and our partnerships with outside agencies. Our designated ELD teacher have also continued to provide support to English learners via designated times in our schedule. And for any foster youth students in our community, we provided additional referrals to outside agencies for support. And for our low-income students, we provided additional referrals for outside support as well as we continue to use our existing support mechanisms within the school and organization. English Learners’ engagement started (April 13) at 52.27% and ended at 95.45% of students engaged as indicated by the Clever Engagement Analytics report. Students (who qualify for Free or Reduced Meals) engagement started (April 13) at 58.2% and ended at 96.59% of students engaged as indicated by the Clever Engagement Analytics report.

Here are specific supports that we have provided:

Tutoring

1. Tutoring time is set aside for English learners, foster youth and low-income students to communicate with teachers for support. Tutoring can be done 1-1 or in small groups but with audio only and no live face-to-face video. Screen sharing is allowed.
2. Teachers are expected to respond immediately to English learners, foster youth and low-income students. Teachers may use email to respond, however, teachers also have the option to have open web meetings or be available through voice or SMS (via Google number) during this time.

Communication/Outreach

1. All communication was sent in English and Spanish to ensure all our parents had access to important information.
2. Phone conversations are to be made between 8AM and 8PM; phone calls outside of these times are only allowable in times of emergencies. Email may be sent at any time.
2. Each staff member has a list of students they are responsible for. All families receive a weekly call discussing any pertinent information as well as an update on student academic progress. All calls are logged into PowerSchool.

Assignments - Differentiation

1. Assignments should be chunked and accommodated ahead of time for students that need additional support.
2. There should be no more than two lessons per week for each content (VAPA, 1 lesson). All assignments are due Sunday @ 10pm. Flexibility may be given to students who request additional time.

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to continue delivering high-quality distance learning opportunities.

Response:
To ensure a successful launch of Distance Learning, the school planned in phases. To close the digital divide, an initial survey was administered to determine tech needs from students and parents. This helped inform the development of the school’s Phase 1 and Phase 2 plan. The plans included the following basic components:

NECA is committed to maintaining a sense of community during this time of online distance learning by continuing to deliver high-quality educational opportunities and staying connected digitally. Our approach to online distance learning is provided by a recommended schedule that integrates real time interaction with teachers, along with self-paced learning activities and prioritizing the student-teacher relationship so that the quality of teaching and learning remain intact as much as possible. Each day, students will have the opportunity to engage and stay connected to their teachers through weekly Google classroom assignments supported by a combination of small group instruction, office hours with content teachers, and student self-paced, independent study.

Our main platform for students to access distance learning opportunities is Clever. Through Clever our students have access to Apps such as: Google Classroom, iReady, Imagine Math, and Amplify. Our students have experience in navigating through Clever since NECA has one to one computers.

Although our goal is to achieve 100% engagement with our students, we have approximately 10% who are not accessing or not able to access our online platform. We are working with these families by sending home hard copies of student work weekly. We are continuing to connect with students daily to ensure access to our educational opportunities. Additionally, each staff member has been assigned 10-15 students and make weekly phone calls to the family as a means of maintaining consistent communication between school and home.
The school used both synchronous and asynchronous methods of curriculum delivery. The Clever platform was used as the single-access point to access apps like Google classroom, Khan Academy, iReady, etc. Clever also served to monitor the consistency in delivery of curriculum. The school was able to monitor student engagement via the Clever Engagement Analytics report. Student engagement increased over time as indicated by the following data: 58.38% of “All Students” logged in as of 4/13/20 and increased to 96.65% as of 5/29/20.

Email, phone/text via Swift K-12 (PowerSchool Module), websites created specifically for Distance Learning information, SchoolMint. Communication schedules were determined by schools in collaboration with the home office. All communication was sent out in English and Spanish which are the predominately languages spoken by PUC parents.

Existing technology resources such as laptops were distributed to all students requesting technology support via distribution schedule coordinated by schools which was determined by the initial distance learning survey. The school had to purchase Zoom licenses. Free applications and in contract applications were used to assist.

The school assessed the needs of the families for accessing and using technology in the home for instruction by Distance Learning Survey given to parents to determine technology needs at home. Of those responding, 25.1% did not have access to a desktop computer, laptop, Chromebook, or tablet. In support of the those in need, PUC Schools created a hotline and email support for parents/students to reach out for tech assistance.

Availability of connectivity was determined via initial survey. Of those responding, 6.08% indicated that they did not have internet access. PUC Schools researched what other CMO’s and districts were doing to provide internet access and shared resources with families. Parents were provided information about free services available for internet access.

PUC Schools offered repair and replacement services for devices as needed.

Multiple webinars were designed and administered to teachers and administrators in order to provide impactful distance learning practices as well as interpretation of application usage data.

The school offered parental support for at-home learning through tools like Blooms, which was used to help parents and younger students understand how distance learning was going to work.

As we plan for Phase 3, the school has and continues to engage the community and seek feedback from students, parents, and teachers as to their online challenges and successes. During Phase 2, PUC Schools provided parents and community members with opportunities to engage the school. The school continued to hold its School Advisory Committee and English Learner Advisory Committee meetings via synchronous virtual online platform. The meeting highlighted the changes that were made to various compliance items such as the 2019-20 LCAP Updated and the new requirement of submitting this COVID-19 report to LAUSD and the County Office of Education. During the meeting they were given time for input and feedback to the school’s COVID-19 response. Parents voiced their appreciation to the overall PUC COVID-19 response. Noting how “it was great that the same programs available at school were available at home...” which made the transition easier for their child. In addition, the school and teachers provided a lot of support. Parents raised concerns about the student mental health, in alignment with the teacher feedback. Parents of English Learners raised concerns around their children not understanding the assignments or taking too much time in completing it. In terms of planning for next year, parents, of both English Only and English Learners, requested that their child be given daily ZOOM “live” face-to-face video chat with teachers in order to explain daily work and to do check-ins or to answer any questions around daily assignments. There was concern over the impact on their students’ academic progress. Some parents felt that the grade change affected student motivation, especially in the high school Advanced Placement classes. In addition, parents are requesting additional tutoring sessions during the week for
students who are academically behind. Finally, parents agreed that ensuring all students have access to laptop and hotspot at home is a priority. This feedback will be considered as we move into Phase 3 planning.

We built our distance learning programs with flexibility and empathy in mind and we applied that same mindset to our grading for semester 2. In a traditional setting, our teachers strive to create a nourishing and stable classroom for students to learn how to take academic risks and grow. The learning environment has now morphed into individual home settings. The home environment can greatly impact a students’ ability to find success. We wanted to be mindful of the current times and allow for some leeway during distance learning. On April 23, 2020 PUC School Board approved an adjustment to PUC Schools’ grading scale to a pass/fail system. The goal was to alleviate some of the stress our students and families were experiencing with trying to maintain grades while juggling all that is going on in the world around them. This allowed students the flexibility to focus on the learning process and not the letter grade that typically is associated with learning. Students who pass a class with a low percentage were assigned additional interventions to support their academic growth during the 2020-2021 school year. Parents were provided a FAQ to help with any additional questions they may have regarding the PUC Schools Grading Policy.

The school provided the following support for our Special Education students:

NECA has been in constant communication with our SPED Director and Inclusion coaches at PUC to develop and implement virtual systems for servicing and accommodating our Students with Disabilities. For the initial weeks of the school closure, our Inclusion Team began providing daily support for our SWD. We also held weekly collaboration meetings with the whole Inclusion team. During Phase 2, we were able to take a much more strategic approach by creating differentiated work plans based on student’s needs.

Additionally, in preparation for Online Distance Learning Phase 2, our SPED Director in collaboration with our Chief Legal Officer, created a Special Education Guidance Document. This document includes updated welligent guidelines, such as; providing and documenting service minutes, accommodating for students, holding IEPs virtually, and providing parent support with completing documentation for IEPS. In following our Guidance Document we have included weekly collaboration meetings with General Education teachers and Inclusion Specialists. These meetings focus on a few main topics: Co-planning for SWD, creating assignments that address accessibility points for students (accommodations), and supporting engagement of SWD.

To support in servicing SWD, our Inclusion Specialists have a weekly schedule that includes Office Hours daily. During office hours our Inclusion Specialists service students that need support with their assignments. We have also implemented Small Group Instruction throughout the week that is designated for our Inclusion Specialists to provide targeted support to our SWD.

Administration will continue meeting with our Inclusion Team weekly to support the implementation of our Special Education Guidance Document.

The school utilized all the resources available to enact its Phase I and Phase 2 plan. This “economy of scale” included the use of all available certificated and classified staff. Certificated staff, such as our Inclusion Specialist (Resource Specialist), were asked to provide academic and social-emotional support by calling students with special needs one-on-one at least once a week. Classified staff were also utilized to check-in with parents to see if they needed support with navigating the transition or classwork being assigned to their child. Teachers also supported each other by being available during certain times of the school day to support students with specific subject matter questions, providing students with a wide range of available hours for academic support.

PUC Schools addressed student privacy concerns for online use through a consent form for parents that was created for video conferencing and all applications used during distance learning were FERPA compliant.

The school established age-appropriate use of technology and the duration of online activities based on the school’s experience with student use of technology and through the research the school did to prepare for the transition to online distance learning. The school also tried to maintain some stability with scheduling
and a similar school schedule was followed where students would start in the morning and finish in the afternoon with necessary breaks during the day. Clever analytics helped track logins to assist teachers understand when students were logging in.

The school provided support for students in managing workload by chunking assignments, providing extended time to finish assignments, and minimizing the number of hours that students were expected to be online each day. Daily and weekly schedules were adjusted to allow for only a few subjects each day being taught, alternating subjects on a weekly basis.

The school supported staff, students, and the community in adjusting expectations for distance learning by providing consistent and on-going COVID-19 communication that started weeks before the closure on March 16, 2020. Stakeholders were already engaged and were aware of the expectations for distance learning.

During Distance Learning, the Clinical Counseling Department continued to provide mental health support to the student and families. Any student who was being seen in counseling prior to Distance Learning was offered continued treatment via telehealth. Any student who was struggling with Distance Learning was offered counseling support via telehealth. Students and families were offered online group support several days a week on the following topics: Mindfulness, Art, and Debriefing. Students and families were offered various online webinars such as “Supporting Kids during the Coronavirus,” “Supporting Teens and Young Adults during the Coronavirus,” “Self Care during the Coronavirus for Parents,” Anxiety and Coping with the Coronavirus for Parents,” “Support for Kids with ADHD During the Coronavirus,” “When Siblings Wont Stop Fighting,” “How to Give Effective Instructions for Parents,” and “How to Work from Home with Kids during COVID 19.” Social Media was used to offer students and families mental health information that covered some of same topic as covered under the online webinars. Here are a few samples of resources that we have given to schools to share out:

**Middle School**
Educate and protect children and teens from all types of bullying, abuse and victimization with our evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention education programs.

https://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org/?fbclid=IwAR1Ed6Ar2_griJeEbNaCH9-i0mcUODMC7AwNS0etxx-9zi1inwilkywmxA

Podcast to manage anxiety
8 Different Podcasts to listen to regarding Anxiety
Online mindfulness workshop
https://www.mindfulschools.org/training/mindful-educator-essentials/

**Parents:**
Parenting in the time of Corona: Elementary School Children
Parenting in the time of Corona: Preschool and Kindergarten ages
Coronavirus information
Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus (Child Mind Institute)
Talking to Children about COVID-19: A Parent Resource (NASP)

**Educators:**
Understanding the Mental Health & Social Impact of the Coronavirus: Finding the Middle Path

**Resource Links for educators:**
Free Resources: International School Counselors Association (ISCA)
Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to provide school meals while maintaining social distancing practices.

Response: PUC Schools created a plan with guidelines for food delivery and distribution during the school closure at PUC Schools for the coronavirus pandemic. USDA and CDE have approved the use of Seamless Summer Option program to provide meals to students through June 30, 2020. PUC Schools follows the policies and procedures indicated in the guide to ensure all compliance areas of the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program are met. During the school closure which began March 18, 2020, PUC Schools has been serving Breakfast and Lunch meals, and beginning April 6, 2020 PUC Schools also partnered with a CACFP Sponsor – Our Little Helpers to serve Supper meals as well.

PUC Schools distributes meals to students as an “Open” sites. PUC Schools is allowed to provide meals to all children 18 and under. This includes students not enrolled at a PUC Schools. PUC Schools is currently serving Breakfast and Lunch meals at all PUC School sites, except for the PUC Community Elementary Charter and PUC Ecals. Families from PUC CCE and PUC eCALS were instructed to pick up meals at the nearest PUC School location. Meal distribution at all PUC Schools allowed PUC Schools to provide meals to ALL students enrolled at PUC Schools.

PUC Schools follow National School Lunch Program guidelines and must provide area eligibility data that demonstrates that the site is located in a needy area. Needy area means that the site is located where 50 percent or more of the children residing in the area are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Area eligibility may be documented through:

- School data that indicates that the proposed meal site is located in a school attendance area where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.
- Census data.
- Housing authority documentation.
- County social services documentation.
- Other appropriate sources demonstrating that the site is in a needy area.

PUC Schools took parent/family feedback/needs into consideration when planning for provision of meals. A notification was sent to all families, including information on how to reach out to PUC Schools Food Service staff. An email was set up and provided to families (foodservices@pucschools). Feedback, questions, and inquiries were received in this email. Families were also encouraged to call PUC National for questions and concerns pertaining to the food distribution plan/program.
PUC Schools coordinated with sponsoring agencies and community partners to provide meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, and snacks to students and families. PUC Schools continues to work with their food vendor, Better 4 You Meals, to provide families and the community with fresh fruits and vegetables through the School Nutrition Programs (SNP). In addition, PUC Schools collaborated with community sponsor, Our Little Helpers, to provide supper meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, this allowed PUC Schools to distribute additional meals to families. PUC Schools also partnered with PathWater to provide a sustainable bottled water to all frontline staff members.

PUC Schools’ process for distributing meals to students in non-congregate settings:

**Method of Service:** ALL MEALS for the entire week are distributed EACH MONDAY. There are two pick-up methods available at PUC Schools. All Food servers are trained on how to distribute meals through both methods of service.

- **Drive Through:** Families may use their normal drop off area to pick up meals, where a staff member hands them a plastic bag containing all required meal components for ALL meals for the week. When a family arrives in their car, food servers ask the family how many children will receive meals for the week. The family indicates the number of meals either verbally or with hand gestures. Food servers then pick up the corresponding number of bags and walk over to the vehicle, and hand the bags to the family without touching the vehicle or family members by placing the bags into the trunk of the vehicle, back seat, or truck bed (depending on the vehicle type, height, or capacity). Family members should not exit the car. One car is served at a time. Once a family is completely served, the family drives away and the next vehicle is served.

- **Walk Through:** Families may pick up all required meal components for ALL meals for the week at a “Walk Through” location. All meals are packaged into plastic bags and placed on a table for pick-up. When a family arrives, they walk up to the table and pick up the number of meals they need and carry it out. There should be no physical contact between food servers and family members. If multiple families arrive to pick up meals at the same time, they are asked to wait in line with appropriate social distancing implemented between families. One family picks up meals at a time. Once one family picks up their meals, they leave and the next family picks up their meals.

PUC Schools’ method of meal distribution/delivery is as follows:

Each distribution site has a School Map which is located in the PUC Intranet Food Services. Drive and Walk through locations are identified on the School Map. Ensuring increase in traffic flow and decreasing traffic issues were considered when creating each map.

Meals included Prepackage Meals or better known as “Grab n Go” meals and include fifteen (15) meals: 5 breakfast meals, 5 lunch meals, and 5 supper meals, which are picked up at the same time. Breakfast contains THREE components: entrée, milk and fruit or fruit juice. Lunch contains FIVE components: meat, grain, fruit, vegetable, and milk. Beginning April 6, 2020 - PUC Schools began a partnership with a CACFP Sponsor – Our Little Helpers to server Supper meals. Supper meals also contain FIVE components. Beginning June 22nd, Our Little Helpers will be taking on the SSFO Sponsorship and will continue to serve Breakfast and Supper Meals. Please see page 7 for summer feeding schedule.

Meal Counting: PUC Schools follows the Summer Seamless Meal counting procedures and utilize the Summer Seamless counting sheet. Meal Counting Training was conducted on March 17, 2020. Staff utilize a hand counter and also complete a Summer Seamless Meal Counting sheet daily and submit at the end of each week to Food Services Department via email. Summer Feeding meal counts will be texted to sponsor, Our Little Helpers, by end of each service day.

PUC Schools’ numbers of meals served for PUC Nueva Esperanza Charter Academy: 66,470
Total number of meals served end of June 8, 2020 for PUC Schools: 668,263

PUC Schools communicated and continues to communicate to parents to share information around meals through the following:

PUC Schools informs families of the Food Distribution and schedule via email and phone/text. Director of Media Communications, assists with disseminating messages to notify families of the availability of FREE meals to all students and any student under age 18 – using social media platforms. A weekly notification/update is posted on all social media platforms.

PUC School’s safety and health steps are as followings:

Coronavirus Precautions: To minimize the risk of the spread of the coronavirus, school staff are provided personal protective equipment such as hand sanitizer (if available), gloves, and face masks. School staff also maintain appropriate social distancing measures to the greatest extent possible. Training was provided for all food service staff. For a full list of trained staff, please contact Human Resources at hr@pucschools.org.

Frontline Staff are provided the following PPE and supplies:

- Hand Sanitizers and wipes
- Gloves, face mask, hairnets
- Meal Counting Sheet
- Hand Counter
- Food Distribution Plan + SOP

Taking Staff Temperature: In order to reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus through the workplace and protect our team members PUC has established a new protocol - A designated PUC team member will take your temperature prior to the beginning of your shift. If your temperature is 100 or higher you will be sent home and an HR representative will follow up with you to discuss next steps.

The following was staff or volunteer recruitment or training:

Food Servers and Training: Food Service staff and anyone that is a Food Handler-certified employee may serve meals. During an emergency or short-term situation, volunteers or PUC employees may serve food under the supervision of a Certified Food Handler employee. Volunteers and Staff must complete online training and onsite training with Rosa Arrington, Food Service Operations Manager, before handling food. Refer to COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for PUYC Team Members for training materials located in the food Services shared folder.

Food Safety: Anyone serving food needs to follow all food safety guidelines, including: washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water, wearing gloves, wearing hairnets and handling food with care. In addition, food servers must temp food and complete documentation per food item. Food servers must also ensure all delivery documentation is kept in a binder daily and for each month of service.

Traffic Control: PUC Schools needs staff to assist with traffic and ensure vehicles are moving forward during food distribution. Food Distribution Team training occurred on March 17, 2020.

PUC Schools applied for waivers which included the Nationwide Waiver, in order to better serve the needs of the school community. What is a Nationwide Waiver? In accordance with the Family First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, USDA has granted a nationwide waiver, providing flexibilities to certain
onsite monitoring requirements for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. During March, 2020 PUC Schools implement the following waivers:

- Summer Meals Non-congregate Feeding
- Meal Times
- Non-congregate Feeding
- Nationwide Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup Waiver

Provide a description of the steps that have been taken by the LEA to arrange for supervision of students during ordinary school hours.

Response:
PUC Schools response to the COVID-19 pandemic is in line with Los Angeles Unified School District’s response and in keeping with the needs of its community. With the safety and social-emotional well-being of our scholars a priority, PUC Schools checked in with all families to verify that the students were emotionally adjusting to changes caused by the closure and were supervised during the school closure. Since PUC Schools is not providing supervision and in support of our parent needs, a communication on April 2, 2020 was sent to parents in English and Spanish via SchoolMint with COVID-19 updates that included many resources for parents to access. For parents who had to miss work to take care of their child they were guided to an Unemployment Insurance link that was posted. Other resources were links to “MyChildCare.ca.gov” and “211la.org’s Child Care Page.” In addition, these links were placed on the PUC COVID-19 Resource webpage along with other resources, which can be found at http://www.pucschools.org/covid-19-resources/. The school continues to communicate through its webpage and SwiftK12.

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