Small Cohorts in Santa Barbara County

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued guidance for small cohorts. The key requirements are:

- No more than 14 children or youth and two supervising adults. The cohort should have no more than 16 people total, including any additional aides or adult staff.
- These are targeted support services and specialized services, for a specific subset of children and youth, ages 0 – 18 years.
- The total number students participating in cohorts should not exceed 25% of the schools’ enrollment.
- Interactions between cohorts should be prevented.
- Schools should develop plans in collaboration with local health officials, but they are not required to receive express approvals from the local health department.
- All guidelines in the relevant Industry guidance must be met.
- Schools do not need to be reopened or have an approved waiver to have small cohorts.

If your school organization is planning on implementing small cohorts, please complete the information below. This meets the requirement for collaboration.

Name of School/District: ___________________________ Total Number of Students in School: ________
Total Number of Students in Small Cohorts: ________

For each cohort, please provide the following information:

Cohort #1:
Number of students:
Number of adults:
Targeted population children/youth for support or specialized services:
Specific school facility/location:
Frequency of cohort meeting on-school campus: (e.g. 2 days a week)
Special accommodations for this cohort:

The signature of the School Superintendent of the ________________________________
(School/District) attests to follow all industry guidance and meeting all identified health and
safety requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their setting.

Name of Superintendent:
Signature of Superintendent: