

### PRIMARY CARE VIRTUAL DROP-INS

Balancing Accommodations with Accountability

During the Pandemic.

## HOW CAN WE HELP OUR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND WELLNESS?

- 1. We discussed sleep hygiene and the need for an age appropriate amount of sleep for wellness, emotional resilience, memory, taking out "trash".
- 2. We discussed limiting electronics to achieve sleep hygiene and to increase physical activity, family time, reading and school work, creativity and other safe interactive contact with peers
- 3. We know a healthier diet and regular exercise would also help with physical and mental health and wellness.

How do we get families to move in this direction???

### SHOULD WE RAISE OR LOWER DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS?

#### THE PANDEMIC IS A SOURCE OF CHRONIC STRESS AND TRAUMA

Trauma informed care suggests patient child-driven progress with lots of support and accommodation

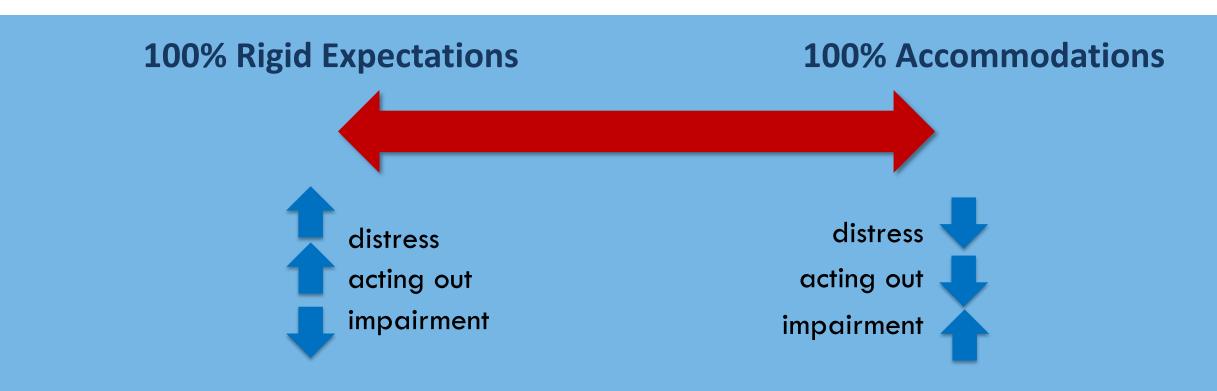
Raising expectation might increase acting out when families are already at a breaking point

#### EXPOSURE IS THE CRUX OF TREATMENT FOR ANXIETY

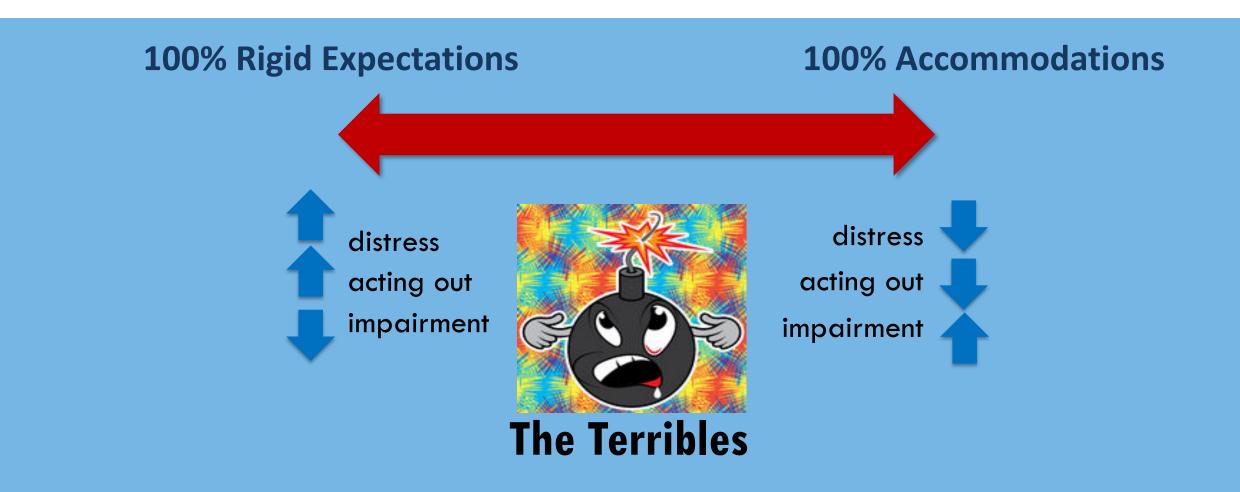
Long term accommodation of anxiety tends to worsen symptoms and impairment

Graduated exposure has to begin with the current situation – how far afield is the current situation going to get before we start?

# Where are they? Where are parents? Where are we? How about grandma?



#### THE FEAR



## SHOULD ANXIOUS STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

#### THERE IS STILL SOME RISK, ESPECIALLY WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

Anxious students do not/will not want to go back to in-person learning

Anxious parents will be reluctant to take any risk or to nudge their anxious child

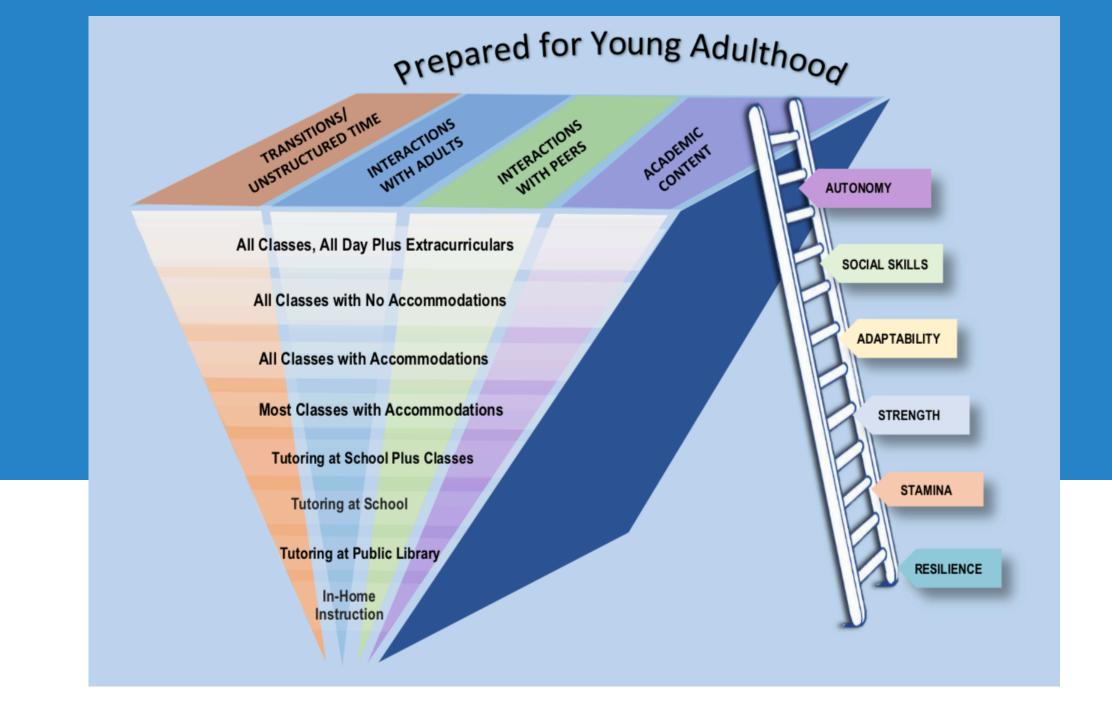
Many families don't trust the schools to use precautions and care

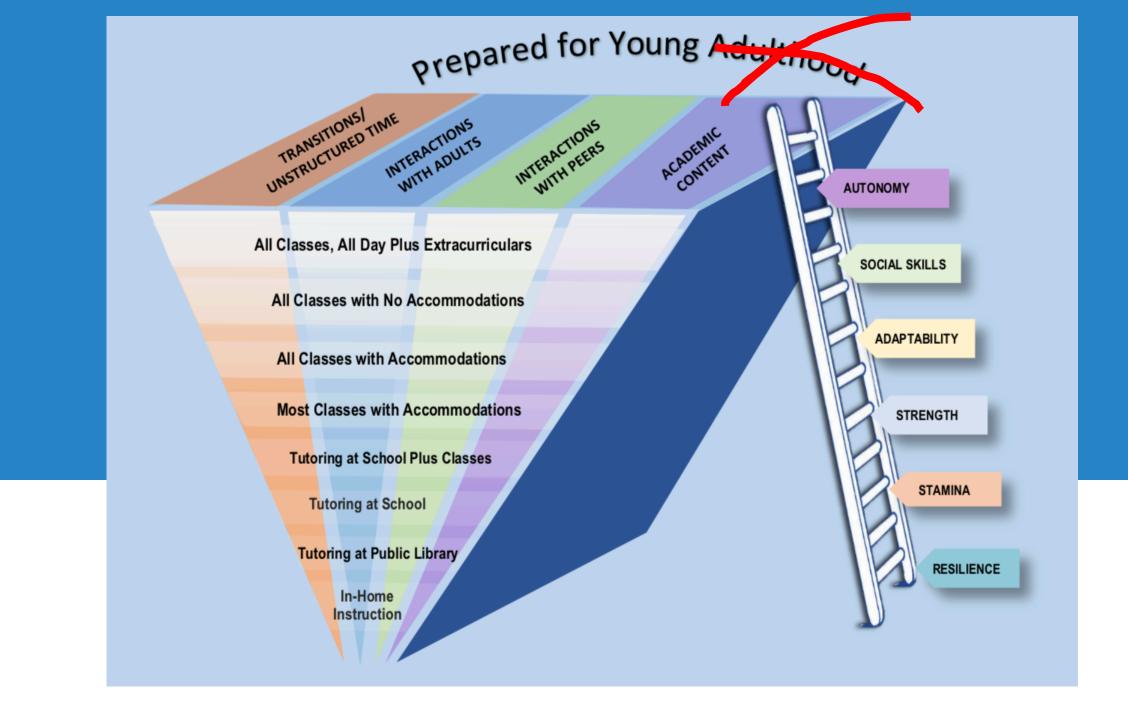
NOT GOING TO SCHOOL HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LEARNING, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

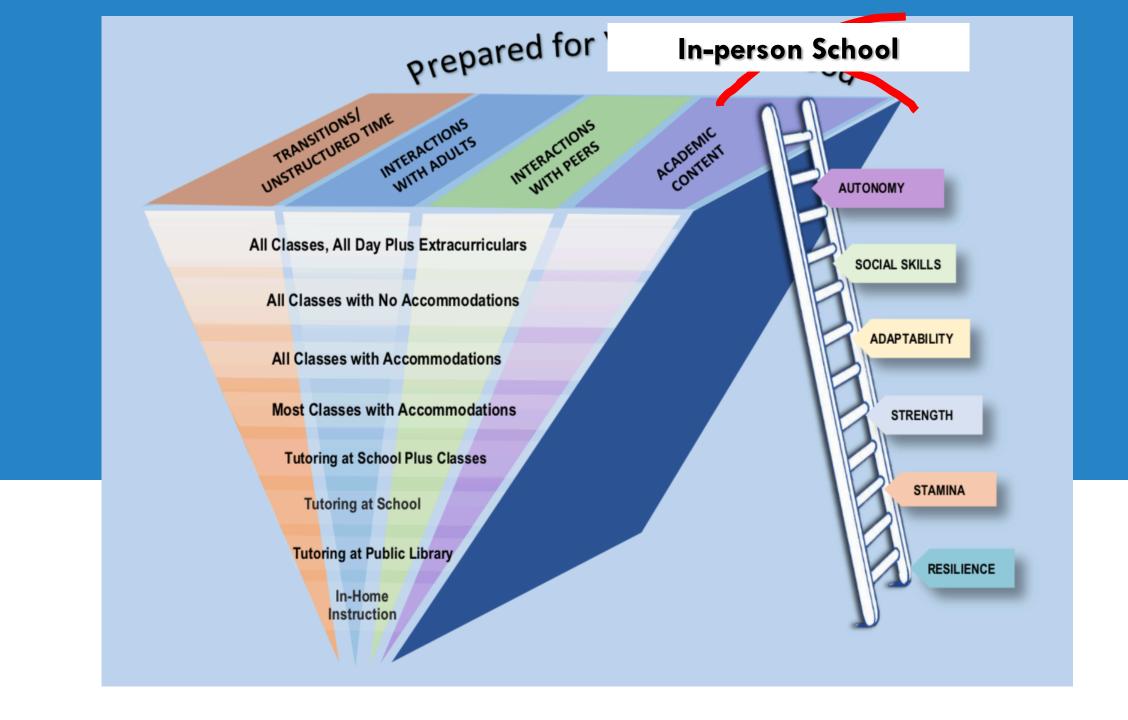
CDC, President, Governor, Board of Regents, School Superintendents and American Academy of Pediatrics support in person schools with precautions

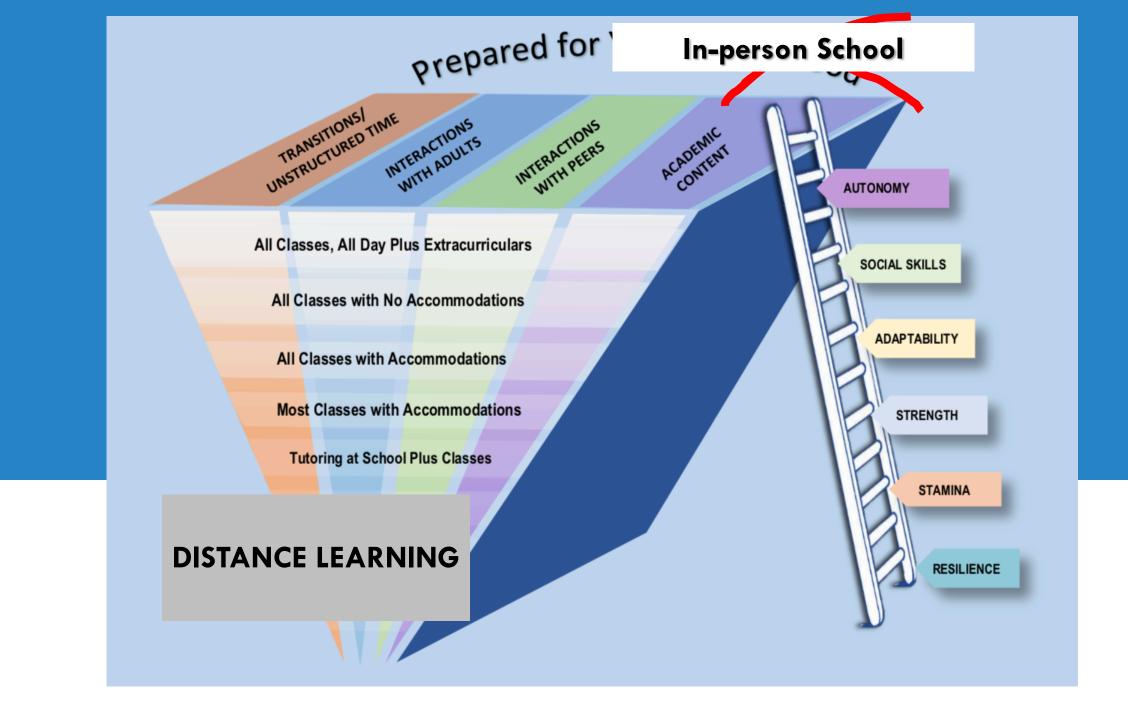
Students who are 100% distancelearning feel more stressed than hybrid or in-person students SOME STUDENTS LEARN
BETTER AND FEEL HEALTHIER
AND LESS ANXIOUS FROM
HOME.

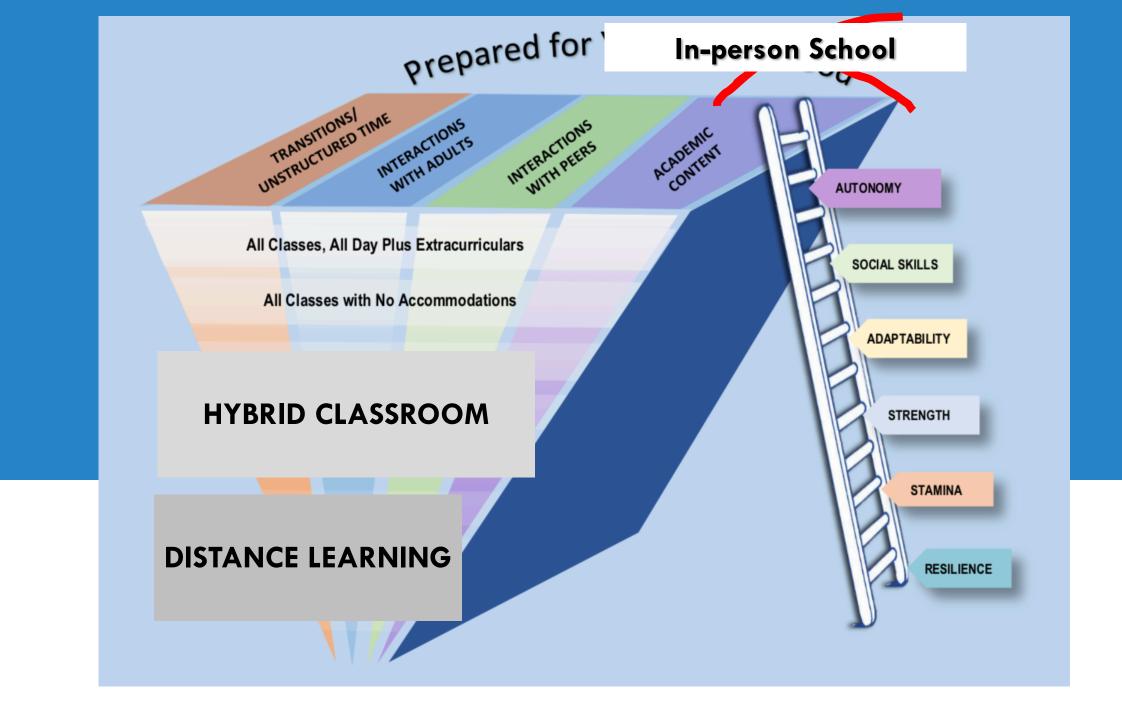
WHY ROCK THE BOAT?

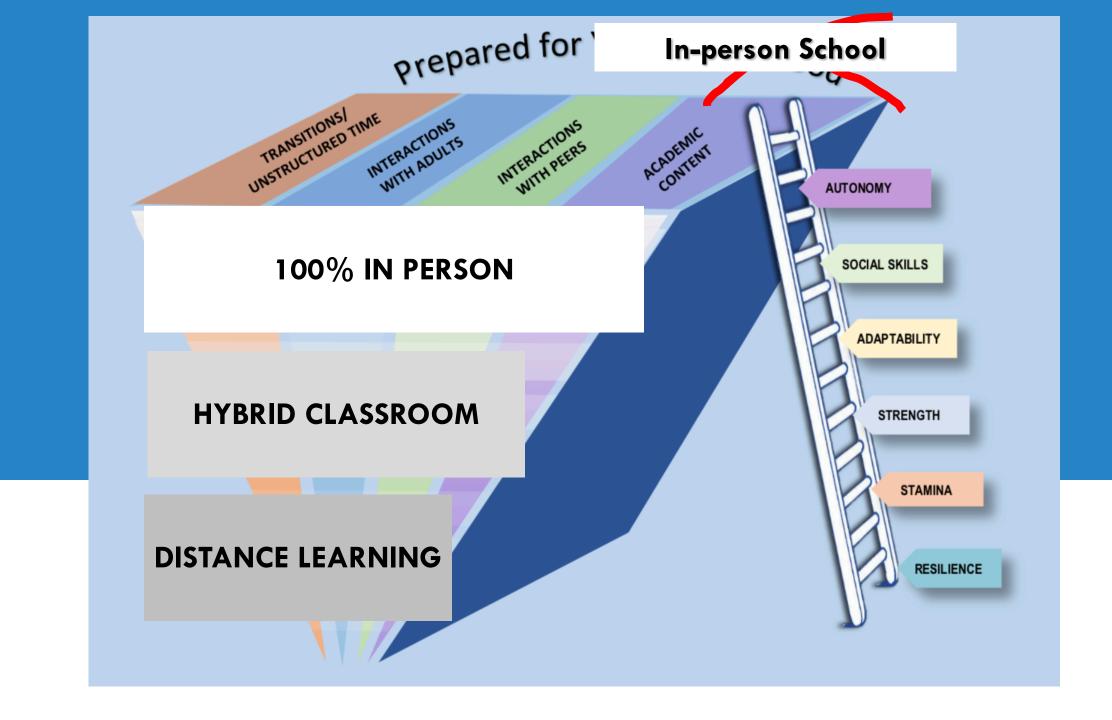






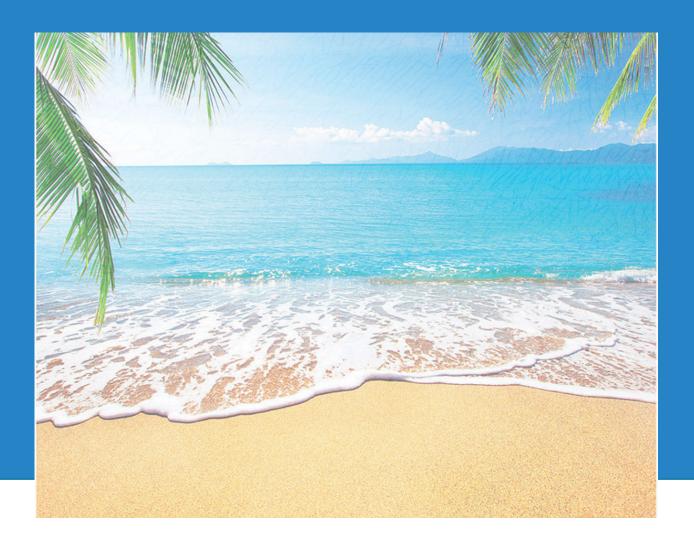






#### HOW DO YOU ROCK THE BOAT?

1. "LISTEN", UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND.
2. DEVELOP AND EXPRESS EMPATHY
WITH THE "WEAKEST LINK."
3. PREDICT THE BARRIERS AND
PLAN THE "WORKAROUND."



#### **VISUALIZATION**

Visualization works to expand your ability to rest and relax by focusing your mind on more calming and serene images.

#### REFERENCES & RESOURCES

**VERY WELL MIND** 

**VISUALIZATION FOR RELAXATION**