

August 19, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are continuing to work through the many parts of our plan for the 2020-21 school year. As of today, we have informed parents of the instructional format for their children for both remote and hybrid options. If you did not receive notification of the format for your child(ren), please contact your school's Main Office as soon as possible. Please note that we are unable to honor requests to change cohorts or formats at this time.

More specific information, including class schedules for grades 7-12 and teacher assignments for grades PreK-6, will be coming from individual schools in the coming weeks. Please note these important district-wide items:

### **2020-21 School Calendar Revisions**

Click here for the [revised 2020-21 School Calendar](#). Note that the first four days of school will be conference days, so there will be no school for students September 8-11.

Instruction will begin **the week of September 14** in a transitional format. This is to allow students to have specific time with their teacher to start the year, becoming more comfortable with the changes and new requirements of this school year. Teachers will meet with their cohort(s) as follows:

#### ***Monday and Tuesday (September 14-15):***

- Cohort A will meet with their teacher(s) in-person.
- There will be no school (in-person or remote) for 100% Remote Students and Cohort B.

#### ***Wednesday (September 16):***

- 100% Remote Students will connect with their teacher(s).
- There will be no school (in-person or remote) for Cohorts A and B.

#### ***Thursday and Friday (September 17-18):***

- Cohort B will meet with their teacher(s) in-person.
- There will be no school (in-person or remote) for 100% Remote Students and Cohort A.

**During the week of September 21, 2020**, students will attend every day either in-person or remotely according to their schedule:

#### ***Monday and Tuesday (September 21-22):***

- Cohort A will meet with their teacher(s) in-person.
- 100% Remote Students and Cohort B will connect remotely.

#### ***Wednesday (September 23):***

- All students will connect with their teachers remotely.

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***Thursday and Friday (September 24-25):***

- Cohort B will meet with their teacher(s) in-person.
- 100% Remote Students and Cohort A will connect remotely.

The focus during this week will be on building relationships, using technology/software, and sharing procedures/expectation/skills of the learning environment.

By the week of September 28, we hope to integrate our full curriculum and technology use into the daily schedule.

Please also note that hybrid days are color-coded on the calendar. We have attempted to balance the number of days in school. If there is a holiday during a week, hybrid students will have a slightly different schedule. One of the cohorts will meet in-person on a Wednesday to make up for the day out of school due to the holiday.

**Testing/Contact Tracing**

Please click here for the district's [testing/contact tracing procedure](#).

**Technical Specifications and Recommendations**

If you would like to purchase a device for your children, please [click here for information and recommendations on devices](#). Note that we will provide devices, to the extent possible, for those who need them based on parent requests on our decision survey. If you did not indicate that you need a device for your child on that survey, please contact your school.

**Videos of Parent/Guardian Meetings**

The district held four virtual parent/guardian meetings this week. Links to the videos of those meetings will be on our district website in the [district plan section here](#) and in the "More Information" section on that page. Tuesday's 9am and 5pm meetings with grades 7-12 parents/guardians has been uploaded. Remaining videos will be uploaded as soon as possible.

**Mask Procedure**

Please [click here for our mask procedure](#) for hybrid students, staff, and anyone who has permission to visit the school. This procedure is in place until further notice to meet health and safety requirement.

We will continue to provide information as we further develop the details of our 2020-21 school year plan. Please see our website for our entire district plan and frequently-asked questions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to navigate through this challenging time. If you have questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools