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Dear D146 Families,

In August, we started our full-remote learning plan with the goal of re-evaluating the model by the second trimester. At this time, we believe we can return to in-person instruction ahead of schedule and maintain the safety of our staff and students.

Elementary students will return to in-person instruction in a Hybrid Model on November 4, 2020; Central Middle School students will return to a Hybrid Model on November 11, 2020.

We are finalizing the details of the plan for the Board's approval at the regular October board meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, at Central Middle School, at 6:00 p.m. However, there are details I can share regarding the plan, to give you time to make family arrangements. Families are going to have two (2) options to choose from: 1) A half-day Hybrid Model, or 2) Full Remote Learning. Here is a brief description of each to help you make your decision.

Option 1 – Hybrid Model

Families that choose this model will be assigned to either a morning or afternoon half-day, in-person instructional session at school, 5 days a week. Your student(s) will receive remote instruction the other half of the day. Students' in-person time at school will focus on social/emotional learning, mathematics, English Language Arts, science and social studies. Students' remote learning time will focus on specials / Encore, intervention, and extension activities.

One of the major advantages of implementing the half-day, Hybrid Model, is our ability to accommodate our entire student enrollment on-site, while maintaining the ability to follow IDPH and ISBE guidelines. The other major advantage is the daily, in-person connection with our students. In order to keep session times and class sizes balanced, students will be assigned to an AM or PM session, giving consideration to siblings across buildings. **I strongly encourage you to select this Hybrid Model.**

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The schedule is as follows:

Elementary A.M. In-Person Schedule

Student Arrival: 8:40-8:50 a.m.

Student Instructional Time at School: 8:55 – 11:25 a.m.

Remote Learning from Home 1:05 - 3:35 p.m.

Elementary P.M. In-Person Schedule

Remote Learning from Home 8:55 - 11:25 a.m.

Student Arrival: 12:50 – 1:00 p.m.

Student Instructional Time at School 1:05 – 3:35 p.m.

Central Middle School A.M. In-Person Schedule

Student Arrival 7:40-7:50 a.m.

Student Instructional Time at School 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Remote Learning from Home 12:25 - 2:55 p.m.

Central Middle School P.M. In-Person Schedule

Remote Learning from Home 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Student Arrival: 12:10-12:20 p.m.

Student Instructional Time at School: 12:25-2:55 p.m.

For those students who qualify, bus transportation will be available for both morning and afternoon sessions in the Hybrid Model. However, I strongly encourage you to provide your own transportation to the greatest extent practical for your family. This will allow us greater ability for physical distancing of students on the bus.

Option 2 - Full Remote Learning

Families that choose Full Remote will have a different remote experience than they do now. Most teachers will be teaching in our Hybrid Model so it is very likely your child's teacher will change if you choose Full Remote. Full Remote students' schedules will change as well. Students in Full Remote will receive 2 ½ hours of instruction in the morning, and 2 ½ hours of instruction in the afternoon. They will still experience all of the course offerings that they are experiencing now, although the format may be different.

Choose Your Model

In order for us to meet our November 4th (elementary) and November 11th (Central Middle School) start dates for in-person instruction, we need to know which option you are choosing for your child(ren) as soon as possible. **An email to all families, that includes sample schedules and a link to make your instructional choice, will be sent out to all families**

tomorrow afternoon. This link must be completed for each student no later than Sunday, October 11th by midnight.

Our goal is to notify all families choosing the Hybrid Model of their AM / PM session assignment no later than Friday, October 23rd. Any schedule or teacher changes that may occur will be shared with families as soon as possible, prior to student start dates.

I understand this model will please some and disappoint others. Our team reviewed five different options and the half-day, Hybrid Model allowed us the greatest ability to bring as many students as we could back to school as frequently as possible, safely. We appreciate your continued partnership.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jeff Stawick
Superintendent