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January 8, 2021

Dear District 25 Families,

After last night's Board of Education meeting, I wanted to recap and review with you where we stand as a District regarding COVID-19 and our [Transitional Model of Reopening](#).

### **Current Situation**

Currently we are in our Step 3 | Hybrid Learning model. The guide detailing what that plan looks like can be found on our website: [www.sd25.org/Step3Guide](http://www.sd25.org/Step3Guide).

This plan is a 2 days a week in-person learning model with the option for five days of full remote learning. Some students have been invited to attend 4 days a week and we are continuing to include more students where space allows.

You have the option to change your child's current selection for our Step 3 | Hybrid Learning model by filling out this form: [www.sd25.org/Step3Switch](http://www.sd25.org/Step3Switch) by 7 pm tonight (Friday, January 8). This change will then take place beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021, pending no move to our Step 4 | In-Person or Remote Learning model.

### **Moving to the Step 4 | In-Person or Remote Learning model**

We have a plan in place that would move us to our Step 4 | In-Person or Remote Learning model detailed in this booklet: [www.sd25.org/Step4Guide](http://www.sd25.org/Step4Guide).

In order to move to our Step 4 | In-Person or Remote Learning model, we must first meet the metrics listed here: [www.sd25.org/TransitionMetrics](http://www.sd25.org/TransitionMetrics). These metrics were created and approved by our Board of Education during the November 12, 2020 meeting ([www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings](http://www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings)).

As we finalize our plans for Step 4, we need all families to make their selection for In-Person or Remote Learning. If you have not already done so, please visit [www.sd25.org/Step4Selection](http://www.sd25.org/Step4Selection) and fill out the form for your child's school. **This form must be filled out by 7 pm tonight (Friday, January 8).**

We will remain in our Step 3 | Hybrid Learning model until the metrics for Step 4 | In-Person or Remote Learning model are met.



## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

### Board of Education Meeting | Thursday, January 7

At last night's meeting, the Board agreed they did not need to set specific metrics that would guide any future return to Remote Learning. Instead, the Board discussed having me and my team continue to monitor the internal District 25 COVID-19 numbers ([www.sd25.org/COVIDDashboard](http://www.sd25.org/COVIDDashboard)), and the mitigation strategies used to limit in-school transmission. If the Cook County Department of Public Health determines that a specific classroom or school should take an adaptive pause due to data related to that specific area of the school district, I will work with the health department and the District 25 Board to implement their guidance.

To watch a full recording of last night's meeting, visit [www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings](http://www.sd25.org/CatchUpOnMeetings).

Thank you for your continued partnership with our teachers and staff. Together, we will continue to provide our students with great academic experiences and emotional support.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.  
Superintendent