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Friday, November 13, 2020

Dear District 25 Staff and Families,

Last night the District 25 Board of Education passed a motion directing the Superintendent to begin the transition to the Step 4 | Full In-Person learning model with a Full Remote learning option when the metrics below are met and guidelines considered. The target date for this transition is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Transitioning to the Step 4 | Full In-Person learning model will be made on that date if the metrics listed below are met:

- An ability to maintain necessary staffing coverage, including substitutes; **and**
- The District will to the greatest extent possible maintain 6 feet from point to point (i.e. center of chair to center of chair)
- With the understanding that The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education advises that students be seated 6 feet apart to the greatest extent possible; **and**
- With the understanding that The American Academy of Pediatrics advises that physical distance between desks should follow current public health guidance, but that in the absence of specific guidance, desks should be placed at least 3 feet apart; **and**
- < 8% positivity rate in Region 10 as reported by the IDPH; **or**
- < 70 new cases per 100,000 in Arlington Heights Zip Code in a 7 day period; **and**
- Flat or decreasing trend of Covid19 positive cases in District 25 **and/or**
- Decreasing trends in all of the above metrics that point towards them achieving the above metrics; **and**
- As a part of this directive, the Superintendent should review metrics on a weekly basis.

In the meantime:

- We will remain in the current Step 3 | Hybrid Learning model
- We will assume **all students** will continue in their **current learning environment choice** (hybrid or full remote) until full in-person and full remote options are available.
- However, if you want to make a switch effective Monday, November 30th, you may do so by completing this form by Tuesday, November 17th at 5 pm:

[Switch Your Current Selection Form](#)

PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE FORM IF YOU PLAN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD IN THEIR CURRENT LEARNING SELECTION.



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Increasing in-person learning opportunities...where we can

The Board of Education has also directed me and my team to look at the possibility of increasing in-person learning opportunities for individual students and specific classrooms where possible, beginning in the month of December. While this may not impact many of our students, this could apply to classrooms that currently have a small number attending in-person and it could increase in-person time for students needing specialized support.

In order to proceed, we need to look at the classroom attendance numbers, analyze our classroom space, and work through various logistics (e.g., we may be reaching out for help with supervision of lunch and recess). Please see the timeline below:

1. Tuesday, November 17th - 5:00 pm - Deadline to switch your student's current selection **ONLY** if you are selecting to change between remote and hybrid models
2. Friday, November 20th
 - a. Individual families contacted about additional in-person learning opportunities that apply to their children
 - b. All families notified of District's plan to increase in-person learning opportunities

Lastly

I'm confident that we will continue to work together and be ready to adapt as the pandemic environment around us and in our schools continues to change.

For now, I want to thank all who have voiced their opinions and shared their feedback with me and our Board members in the past few months. Whether you have come out to a Board meeting, submitted public comments via email, emailed me or the Board directly, or called or met with me in person, I want you to know that you are heard and that the safety of our students, staff, and community is always at the forefront of my mind.

Sincerely,

Lori Bein, Ed.D.
Superintendent