

# Elmbrook Schools Instructional Models

With the uncertain future of COVID-19, the School Reopening Task Force recommended the District prepare a continuum of instructional models to flexibly support our students' needs as we adapt to the latest science and data. In addition, the District announced early in the summer that it would provide both an in-person learning opportunity and virtual learning to give families choice and options. The School Reopening Plan identifies the core elements of these instructional models, and seeks to provide enough information for families to declare their preference for each student attending the Elmbrook Schools. It is expected that plans will continue to be adjusted throughout the school year.

## A Continuum of In-Person Instruction



At the heart of the in-person option is a careful balance between a commitment to health safety for students and staff and a belief that in-person instruction is able to support students' academic, social-emotional, mental health, and behavioral development in ways that cannot be replicated through online-only interactions. In this time with coronavirus present in our environment, any in-person interactions carry a degree of risk. Elmbrook staff, in collaboration with the Waukesha County Health Department, have developed a series of comprehensive strategies to mitigate health risk.

While these mitigation strategies are essential, they also introduce new operational and logistical challenges that Elmbrook has never before faced. Throughout 2020-21, district leaders will face the persistent question of finding the right level of in-person services that can be safely offered for families electing this option. The in-person instruction continuum option is designed to allow the level of in-person service to flexibly respond and adapt to current health conditions and trends.