



August 14, 2020

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We are grateful for our strong and supportive partnership with our families, staff and community as we work toward returning our children to school in the safest way possible. Despite our strong desire and countless efforts to provide as much in-person instruction as possible, the District has determined that we are unable to do so in a safe and effective way at this time. **The District 20 School Board has approved the Revised Return to Learn Plan providing for Enhanced Remote Learning for All Students in preschool through 8th Grade during the first trimester (through November 6, 2020).** We will continue consider a potential phase-in of various creative options to proactively engage our students, including possible limited in-person programs. Our goal is to work toward in-person learning and/or a hybrid learning model for the second trimester **if we are able to do so in a safe manner.**

We strongly encourage our families and staff to take the time to review the **Revised Return to Learn** presentation at last night’s Board of Education Meeting, available at <https://www.esd20.org/return-to-learn>, which provides an overview of why we had to pivot our instructional model this week and what the fall will look like for our community. We know that there may still be unanswered questions and concerns, so we will continue to update the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) webpage and respond to emails to info@esd20.org. Families will receive details from their principals in next couple of days about their specific school(s) and student(s), including teacher assignments, supply lists, what a day of learning will look like for your child, and more.

Next Steps for Families

1. Please register your student for 2020-2021 if you have not yet done so: <https://www.esd20.org/registration>. We require all registration, residency checks, and payment of fees before the first day of school.
2. Teacher and class assignments will be available to families by next Thursday, August 20.
3. Families will be notified about picking-up student Chromebooks and class materials before school begins.
4. Family and student expectations for Enhanced Remote Learning and weekly pick-up of class materials will be sent to families.
5. Virtual Curriculum Nights will be planned for the Fall
6. The District is looking into partnering with the local park districts to provide childcare options in our buildings.
7. First Day of School:

Grades 1-8	Kindergarten	Preschool
Tuesday, August 25 Elementary: 8:30am to 2:30pm Middle School: 7:45am to 1:45pm	Thursday, August 27 Elementary: 8:30am to 2:30pm	Friday, August 28 <i>Specific times for each section will be shared with families next week</i>

Thank you again for your support through this challenging time. Please rest assured that our priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo
Superintendent of Schools
Keeneyville ESD 20