



Starting the 2020-2021 school year

Spring Lake Park Schools Families:

This week, we welcomed our Spring Lake Park Schools teachers back to school. They are preparing classrooms – onsite and virtually, creating lesson plans and engaging in professional learning. Despite the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, there is expectation and excitement in the air as we get ready to welcome our students back to school.

We are a week away from the first day of school. We remain on a path to begin the year in two models, a Modified Campus Schedule (hybrid) model and Extended Flexible Learning (distance learning) model. About 65 percent of our students will be learning at school for two or more days per week in the hybrid model and about 35 percent will be doing full-time distance learning.

We've planned and prepared for teaching and learning and health and safety in both models. In each model, we are excited about opportunities to further personalize learning for your student. We are looking forward to getting started.

We also continue to monitor COVID-19 case rates and align with Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines, and we will adapt as appropriate during the year. With that said, we do plan to operate in our current models through the month of September and early October to provide continuity to our first weeks of school and establish routines.

We want nothing more than to be together at school. Our ability to open our buildings and keep them open is dependent on everyone doing their part. We ask our students and families to please follow public health guidance. Each person's actions during the school day and beyond make a difference. We are truly in this together as a community.

The first days of school, September 10 and 11, will focus on getting oriented to the year. We will connect in-person and online with students and families. Please refer to communication from your school building for specifics or visit SpringLakeParkSchools.org/Plan2020, our information hub for the year.

Thank you, once again, for your patience, partnership and support at the start of this unusual year. Working together, I'm confident we can make this a safe, productive and positive year of learning for each of our students. Let's go, Panthers!

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