



Palos School District 118

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September 22, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate the many challenges schools face as a result of COVID-19. The partnership between school and community remains essential for student success.

At last night's special meeting, the Board of Education approved the school district's plan and timeline for reopening schools to in-person instruction. You should have received an email from Dr. Scarsella earlier today that provided a brief synopsis of the plan. More detailed information will be available on the district's website tomorrow. Additionally, the school district is hosting informational meetings tomorrow and Thursday. The school district's timeline and meeting details are found below.

An important component of the reopening plan is parental choice. Families will have the ability to re-elect either in-person or remote learning. All families are required to complete the [Instructional Program Election Form](#) to select an option for their child by no later than Monday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. A separate form needs to be filled out for each child. We ask that you please wait to make your election until after reviewing the detailed plan information that will be posted on the district website tomorrow or attending one of the informational evenings. Parents will have the option to attend in-person or virtually.

Please know that regardless of selecting modified in-person or remote learning, there is a possibility that your child's teacher(s) may change. The data we receive back from the completed election forms will determine to what extent these changes occur. Please do not base your decision on whether or not your child will have the same teacher. Instead, base your decision on whether or not you are comfortable with sending your child back to school.

We understand that transitioning can be stressful for both students and parents. Please know that our intention is to provide the very best for our students, whether in-person or remotely.

Sincerely,

Ron Cozza, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum

Timeline for Return to School Implementation

Tuesday, September 22nd

- Information on the Return to School Plan will be shared with parents.
- Directions for choosing your child's learning option will be sent to parents via e-notify and will be available on the District 118 website.

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 6:00 p.m. – A [Middle School \(6-8\) Parent Informational Meeting](#) will be held in-person at Palos South and on Zoom to answer questions regarding the return to school plan.

Thursday, September 24th

- An Elementary School Parent Informational Meeting will be held in-person at Palos South and on Zoom to answer questions regarding the return to school plan.
 - 5:00 p.m. [Elementary KDG Informational Meeting](#)
 - 6:00 p.m. [Elementary Grades 1-5 Informational Meeting](#)

Monday, September 28th

- 10:00 a.m. – Instructional Program Election Forms are due.

September 29th-October 1st *Virtual Curriculum Nights Cancelled – All 3 Schools

Friday, October 2nd

- 11:00 a.m. – Updated Skyward teacher assignments and bus routes will open in Skyward.

Monday, October 5th

- No School. Teacher Institute Day (Moved from Friday, October 9)

Tuesday, October 6th

- No School. Remote Learning Transition Day

Wednesday, October 7th

- First day of in-person instruction. New Remote Learning schedule begins for students who elect remote instruction.

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Jezeli potrzebujesz pomocy w wypełnieniu tej formy proszę dzwonić na ten numer: 708.761.58.11

