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Dear Center Community,

This evening, we updated the Center Board of Education that we will transition to Phase 2 of our CENTERed on Learning Plan, allowing a return to school in the Hybrid/Fixed Blended model. Our plan includes a transition for elementary and secondary students beginning on different dates. We believe modifying implementation dates will best serve our CSD scholars and allow staff to connect with students to address potential progress updates needed prior to the end of first semester.

#### **Monday, November 30, 2020**

- Kindergarten - 5th Grade students who choose Hybrid/Fixed Blended will transition to Phase 2
- Elementary Diverse Learning In-Person Groups will end Friday, November 20, 2020

#### **Monday, January 4, 2021**

- 6th - 12th Grade students who choose Hybrid/Fixed Blended will transition to Phase 2
- Secondary Diverse Learning In-Person Groups will end Thursday, December 17, 2020

#### **All staff will return on Monday, November 23, 2020**

We have continued to look at our student data, social-emotional needs and listen to feedback from staff, parents, guardians, and students. While regional COVID-19 tracking metrics remain higher than we would like, we are also weighing the benefits of in-person learning for all students.

Our goal will continue to be to find the balance between educating children and keeping our CSD community safe. It is our hope that parents and community members realize that we want ALL children in school now, but there are factors in the KC metro area that prevent that option from happening at this time.

We understand that some families with health and wellness concerns may want to remain in the Full Virtual model, while other families may be interested in choosing the Hybrid/ Fixed Blended model. Therefore, ALL families will be asked to complete a survey to identify their preferred learning mode for next semester.

As a reference, here are highlights from Phase 2 of the CENTERed on Learning Plan.

All students would return to in-person learning in a Hybrid/Fixed Blended learning environment beginning Monday, November 30, 2020 for Kindergarten - 5th Grade students and Monday, January 4, 2021 for 6th - 12th Grade students unless families choose the Full Virtual Option.

- Students will engage in learning during ALL regularly scheduled school days.
- Students who choose the Hybrid/Fixed Blended option will be assigned to one of two groups: A or B.
- Students will follow an A/B schedule: Group A will attend Monday and Wednesday and Group B will attend Tuesday and Thursday. All students will participate in distance learning activities on Fridays as well as the days they are not attending school in-person.
- All students who do not complete the Learning Mode Request Survey will be assigned to the Hybrid/Fixed Blended Option.

- Efforts will be made, when possible, to keep family groups coordinated so that siblings may attend school on the same days of the week.
- Schools will work with families who have unique and justifiable circumstances on an individual basis to switch groups.

**Phase 2 offers two learning modes:**

1. Hybrid/Fixed Blended Option: This option will allow a student to attend school on an A/B schedule which means they will spend two days per week with face-to-face learning and three days per week will be distance learning. Distance learning will include a variety of online activities, lessons, and assessments. Lessons both face-to-face and through distance learning will ensure high quality and rigor for all students and students will engage in learning during all regularly scheduled school days. We have implemented numerous safety and health guidelines, that include all students and staff wearing masks, social distancing, conducting daily self-screenings, implementing hand hygiene routines, and thorough cleaning and disinfecting of facilities. Please note, when possible, efforts will be made to keep family groups coordinated so that siblings may attend school on the same days of the week.

2. Full Virtual Option: This option will allow a student to remain a Center School District student and “attend” school online each day. Our first preference is for Center School District teachers to provide virtual instruction; however, we will determine staffing needs after families fill out the official Learning Mode Request Survey. Based on numbers, there may be a need to use outside programs to offer virtual instruction, but again our priority will be to connect students with CSD teachers.

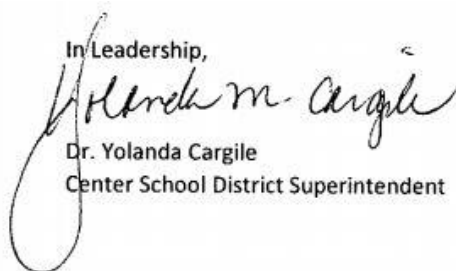
At this point, we are asking families to make and commit to a selection for the entire semester. Please be aware, there is a Student Attendance Acknowledgment form that parents/guardians must read and agree to expectations. We also understand that there will be unique and justifiable circumstances to request a change, we ask that families reach out to the Academic Services office at 816.349.3303 or email [sjohnston@center.k12.mo.us](mailto:sjohnston@center.k12.mo.us).

**Please Fill out the Survey here:**

<https://forms.gle/hMVguKDissKTsBXX8>

We have acted with extreme care and caution. We understand, there are some community members that may not agree with the extreme care and caution that we have acted with during this time, but please know it is based on our genuine concern for the safety of CSD children and staff. Our guiding mission will remain caring for our community.

Thank you again for your partnership and understanding during this time.

In Leadership,  
  
Dr. Yolanda Cargile  
Center School District Superintendent