



FARIBAULT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Faribault Public Schools Community,

I want to start by once again thanking you for your patience, support and dedication to the students of Faribault this year. I hope over winter break you are all able to recharge your batteries, spend less time in front of a screen and more time bonding with your families and those close to you. There is much to celebrate as we put 2020 behind us, including vaccines that are already starting to be distributed. I encourage everyone to celebrate safely by continuing to follow COVID-19 health and safety measures. Our ability to return all students to in-person learning still depends on our collective efforts to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Last week, Governor Walz announced updated guidelines within the [Minnesota Safe Learning Plan](#) that our district will follow as we transition our youngest learners back to in-person learning. I want to review some of the key components of the plan so everyone is on the same page as we begin 2021.

The Minnesota Safe Learning Plan states that districts can return elementary students to hybrid or in-person learning as early as Monday, Jan. 18 with comprehensive health and safety measures in place. Students can be brought back three grade levels at a time, with at least two weeks between each group. The updated plan strongly recommends providing three feet of social distancing for students and six feet for staff. In addition to all students being required to wear masks, all staff will be required to wear face masks and face shields at all times. Also, lunches and other specialist lessons will be held in the classroom to limit interactions between groups.

The plan also allows for winter activities to resume in-person practices on Monday, Jan. 4.

Our plan calls for all students to resume school on Jan. 4 in the distance learning model. Our PreK through second graders will return to in-person learning on Jan. 19 and our students in Grades 3 through 5 will return to in-person learning on Feb. 2.

Students in Grades 6 through 12 will resume learning in the AA/BB hybrid model on Jan. 19. We are working hard to ensure all health measures are in place district-wide by this date so we can ensure a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Families who have been distance learning all year and want to transition to in-person learning, as well as families who want to continue distance learning beyond the transition to in-person learning, should notify your building administrator as soon as possible.

Our FPS timeline for reopening was unanimously approved by our COVID-19 Incident Command Center team, which is comprised of district staff, administrators, and public health officials. The team will continue to meet regularly and evaluate a variety of factors to determine changes to our learning models. We will continue to provide you with regular updates.

I'm very proud of the way our students and staff have responded to the adversity you have faced this year. I wish you all a safe and healthy winter break and a happy new year!

Todd Sesker
 Superintendent, Faribault Public Schools

Grade Level	January 4-14	January 15	January 18	January 19-29	January 29	February 2
PreK	Distance Learning	No School Pivot Day	No School MLK Holiday	In Person	In Person	In Person
K-2	Distance Learning	No School Pivot Day	No School MLK Holiday	In Person	In Person	In Person
3-5	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	No School MLK Holiday	Distance Learning	No School Pivot Day	In Person
6-8	Distance Learning	No School Pivot Day	No School MLK Holiday	AA/BB Model	AA/BB Model	AA/BB Model
9-12	Distance Learning	No School Pivot Day	No School MLK Holiday	AA/BB Model	AA/BB Model	AA/BB Model

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