

October 7 Message to Families



Good morning DCS Family,

This morning, we have important information for you about a Plan A transition and a calendar reminder for this coming Monday and Tuesday.

Last night in our monthly Board of Education meeting, district leadership and board members discussed a transition to Plan A for K-5 students, given the governor's approval for K-5 to enter Plan A when school districts are ready. Much thought and consideration has gone into what this transition would look like and how to create the best scenario for students and staff. It was important to gain input from elementary principals and teachers about the transition. Taking into account this feedback, along with guidance provided by Davie County Department of Health and Human Services, and while considering research, both around COVID-19 transmission and the benefits of face-to-face instruction for children, Davie County Schools will be entering Plan A for K-5 students on Monday, October 26, 2020.

In Plan A, K-5 will be in school buildings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with Wednesday remaining as a remote learning day for all students. Maintaining social distance is recommended but not required in Plan A, however we are making accommodations to ensure students maintain social distance as much as possible, while having all K-5 students in buildings. This will mean moving some classrooms, remaining in cohorts of the same students throughout the day, and most importantly, continuing to wear masks. Masks are required in Plan A and will be worn by all students and staff. We will continue to use an abundance of caution to keep children safe, by not only meeting state requirements, but by adhering to recommendations as much as possible as well. We will make every effort to keep K-5 children on buses 6 feet apart, which is a recommendation and not a requirement. Buses will continue to load from back to front, students will have assigned seats, and will wear masks for the entire bus ride. As a reminder, DCS Virtual students have a one year commitment to be enrolled virtually, so any transition to another plan throughout the 2020-21 school year will not apply to DCS Virtual students.

To be very clear, these changes only affect our elementary students. Grades 6-12 will remain in Plan B, with the same schedule students are currently in. We encourage you to view a recording of last night's board meeting for a thorough explanation of planning and considerations by Superintendent Jeff Wallace. This will give you a more complete view of the transition to Plan A and why it is important for our students. The Board Meeting can be viewed [here](#).

As a reminder, there is no school for students on Monday, October 12. Tuesday, October 13 is a state-required remote learning day. Students are to follow teachers instructions for Tuesday and will resume their typical remote learning schedule on Wednesday, in-person A day on Thursday, and in-person B day on Friday. Please feel free to contact your school directly with any questions. Thank you and have a great day!