

Greetings, Collins families,

As we move into the new year, we are looking forward to bringing students back to the schoolhouse. In December of 2020, Governor Inslee issued [new guidance](#) on the key metrics for students to return to school for in-person instruction. As a result, Franklin Pierce Schools will prepare for the return of additional students for in-person instruction starting with our kindergartners beginning Thursday, January 28.

Over the past two months, students and staff participating in in-person learning through our support centers have adhered to our safety protocols and maintained a healthy working and learning environment. They have accomplished this through daily attestations, proper use of PPE, strict sanitization protocols, wearing masks and social distancing. We will build on these systems as we welcome more students to return to our schools.

Learning Options:

Families will have the option of having students participate in hybrid learning (with some in-person instruction and some remote instruction), or continue with full-time remote learning.

- **K-2 Hybrid Learning:** K-2 students come to school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:35-3:05 to receive in-person instruction. They will have an online/at-home option for specialists on those days. Students will continue to participate in independent learning on Wednesdays. Students attending school will be required to adhere to health and safety guidelines including wearing a mask, social distancing, and sanitization protocols. In most cases, students will remain with the teacher that they have been assigned for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **K-2 Remote Learning:** Similar to the current model, students will continue to participate in teacher-led remote learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for 2.5 hours each day. During the rest of the day, students will participate in small group instruction and independent learning. Depending on staff and student numbers, families *may* be able to select a morning or afternoon cohort option to fit their family's schedule. Students will participate in independent learning on Wednesdays. In most cases, students will be assigned to a different teacher than they had been previously assigned to for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **3-5 Remote Learning Options** are still being finalized.

In-person Learning Timeline:

- Students enrolled in specific Early Learning Center programs are scheduled to increase in-person learning beginning January 19. ELC Staff will reach out to impacted families to discuss schedule changes.
- Students enrolled in Support Center programs are scheduled to increase in-person learning from two to four days per week beginning January 19. Support Center Staff will reach out to impacted families to discuss schedule changes.
- **Kindergarten** students are currently scheduled to return to school for in-person learning 4 days/week beginning **Thursday, January 28**.
- **Students in Grades 1-2** are currently scheduled to return to school for in-person learning 4 days/week beginning **Monday, February 8**.
- **Students in Grades 3-5** are tentatively scheduled to return to school for in-person learning 2-4 days/week beginning **Thursday, February 18**.

Elementary Schedule shift:

Currently, students participate in teacher-led learning between 8:30-11am or 12:30-3pm. In order to allow students to return to school for in-person learning, all elementary schools (K-5) will shift their learning schedules beginning Thursday, January 28.

- Remote Learning Schedule (until January 28): Cohort A: 8:30am-11am; Cohort B: 12:30pm-3pm
- New Remote Learning Schedule K-5 (starting January 28): Cohort A: 9:30-12:00; Cohort B: 1:30-4:00
- Hybrid Learning Schedule (Kindergarten starting January 28, Grades 1-2 starting February 8, Grades 3-5 starting February 18): 9:35-3:05

We are excited to welcome students into our big, beautiful, new school. It has felt odd and hollow without the children here. We understand some families will prefer to wait to bring students back, and that's okay. We look forward to the days when all will be able to join us in face-to-face learning.

Sincerely,

Barb Mondloch

Creating connected, capable, contributing learners who achieve their highest potential every day