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## 2021 Elementary Learning Update and Surveys

Dear Peninsula School District Elementary Families,

As we head into the new year, we are preparing to move forward with our plans to serve more students who choose to learn in-person. A 3rd-5th Hybrid Advisory team has been working for several months to prepare for the return of students in these grade levels.

We had previously worked through staffing, room arrangements, and student assignments in preparation for the return of 2nd grade students, adding to our current K-1 model where students are on campus four days a week (M, T, Th, and F). We also intend to invite students in grades 3-5 to school for in-person learning with a hybrid half-day model, for those families who choose to do so. While dates have not been set for the return of these groups, we know they would not be returning to campus before Jan. 19.

### In-Person and Fully Remote Learning Selection Surveys

#### Kindergarten-1st Grade: 4 full days per week

Last fall we asked families to choose between in-person or remote learning through the end of 1st semester. Now you have the option to change your selection for the 2nd semester. Whichever option you choose, our intent is for you to commit to one learning platform through the end of 2nd semester of the 2020-2021 school year to help ensure student and teacher continuity.

- **If you wish to change the current platform in which your student is learning, complete this survey (link in original email). The survey will close on Sunday, January 3, 2021.**
- **If you wish to continue with your student's current learning platform, do not complete the survey.**

## **2nd Grade: 4 full days per week**

Last October, we finalized our plans for the return of 2nd graders who chose in-person learning, but needed to delay the start as COVID-19 case rates increased significantly. A date for bringing 2nd grade students back for in-person learning will be announced early next month.

Last November, we asked 2nd grade families to commit to either the in-person or fully remote learning model. We will continue to plan using your selection from this survey; however:

- **If you wish to change the selection you made in the November survey, complete this survey. (link in original email) The survey will close on Sunday, January 3, 2021.**
- **If you wish to keep your selection the same, you do not need to complete the survey.**
- Please note: This survey is for 2nd graders except those attending Pioneer Elementary or who participate in the Peninsula Accelerated Classroom Enrichment (PACE) Program.

## **3rd-5th Grade: Hybrid: 4 half days per week**

An AM/PM hybrid model was selected for 3rd-5th grade in-person learning. Several factors contributed to this choice, but the most important factor was the ability to have in-person learning and connections with students four days a week. We are still developing details, but here's what we know:

- A start date has not been selected, but it will not be during the first two weeks of January.
- Students will be divided into three cohorts:
  - In-person AM: 9:00AM-11:30AM
  - In-person PM: 1:00PM-3:30PM, and
  - A fully remote option.
- Most students selecting the fully remote option will be reassigned to a different teacher. Some students selecting in-person may need to shift teachers if their current teacher is part of the fully remote teacher team.
- Students attending in-person will be designated to be in an AM/PM group based on transportation mode. Students transported by their family will attend the AM session; those transported by bus will attend the PM session.
- Students will attend in person 4X per week, M/T/Th/F, and learn remotely on Wednesdays.
- Wednesdays are home learning days.
- The district will develop and follow a consistent plan for cleaning and disinfecting between cohorts and after school.
- A plan will be developed to deliver breakfast and lunches for students.
- A plan will be developed for the home learning part of the day.
- Hours of attendance for students with IEPs and/or special programs may vary from these times as needed to provide the necessary services to support the student.
- In some cases, students with IEPs could be reassigned to a different special education service provider and ESA, SPED and LAP schedules may need to be revised. Student Services will work to gather input from impacted educators.
- We will have information sessions for parents wanting to learn more before selecting this hybrid in-person model or staying fully remote the first week of January.

**Complete this survey** (link in original email) for 2nd graders who attend Pioneer and/or participate in the PACE Program, and 3rd-5th graders. The survey will close on Sunday, January 10, 2021.



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