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In-Person Learning Update for Secondary Students

Our first two emails had formatting errors. Please accept our apology.

Dear PSD Secondary Families,

We are excited to invite more learners back to our school classrooms sometime during the second semester of the 2020-21 school year. District leaders have been working collaboratively with staff since fall to develop a hybrid model that will best serve the interests of our 6-12 grade students, families, and staff.

An important next step in our planning is to survey our 6-12 grade families so we can learn which families want their child to come to school for in-person learning and which families want to have their child continue with only remote learning.

Survey information will help us start the hybrid learning model as soon as COVID-19 rates allow a return to in-person learning for secondary students.

Please complete this survey (find link in email message) by the end of the day Sunday, Jan. 10 for each middle and high school student in your family so we can best prepare for their learning. Your selection will apply until the end of the school year on June 22, 2021.

Below are the details about the hybrid in-person learning model:

Students will be divided into three cohorts:

- An in-person Hybrid “A” group who will meet for periods 1-6 on Mondays and Thursdays.
- An in-person Hybrid “B” group who will meet for periods 1-6 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

- Students in a Fully Remote option will likely be in a schedule similar to what is currently occurring; however adjustments may be made to bring the remote schedule more in line with the hybrid schedule. Additionally, it is likely that some students, both in-person and remote, may be reassigned to different teachers as we start this hybrid learning model.

Wednesdays will be home learning days that provide an additional learning opportunity for all students to connect with their teachers. For students who attend hybrid in-person learning, Wednesdays will include shorter class sessions in which students are expected to attend synchronously from home.

We are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff.

- Everyone coming to school for in-person learning will be asked to conduct a daily health check with a temperature reading and complete an attestation form.
- At all times, students and staff must wear face coverings and maintain six feet of physical distance.
- Handwashing/sanitizing will be part of the daily routine in which all staff and students will participate.
- Schools and buildings will be cleaned throughout the day and disinfected each night, with special attention to high-touch areas.
- We are committed to ensuring that safety protocols are followed consistently and ask that you join us in keeping all students and staff accountable.

We recognize the challenges the pandemic continues to create for everyone in our community, and we know it has been especially difficult for our children. We hope you will join us in our enthusiasm to bring more of our students back for in-person learning as soon as possible.

Thank you for all that you've done to support your child's learning during this unprecedented time. If you have questions before you feel comfortable making your selection, please call the front office of your child's school. Thank you!

Sincerely,
PSD Leadership



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