



January 21, 2021

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

As you know, we are looking ahead to the spring as we plan to continue the Hybrid Learning Plan in Trimester 3. We have been very pleased with the smooth transition back to hybrid learning for our elementary and special programs. The students and staff have demonstrated that they take the safety precautions and protocols very seriously and we must continue to maintain this focus. We saw many 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students take their MAP Assessment in-person this week and it was wonderful to see them following the safety protocols as they entered the building as well. We are looking forward to our Spring Wood students' transition to hybrid learning next month, as we have missed them very much!

***Please help us to get your student ready for next trimester by submitting your Hybrid Learning Choice by this Sunday, 1/24 at 5pm:***

- **Elementary Students:** Only families who want to change their student's current learning mode (hybrid/in-person vs. remote-only) should complete the ["T3 Hybrid Learning Form" in Skyward](#). Instructions can be found here: [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#). Students who want to continue their current mode of learning do not need to do anything. If we do not hear from you by 1/24, we assume that your child will continue their current learning model.
- **Middle School Students:** All Spring Wood students must complete the ["SW T3 Hybrid Learning Form" in Skyward](#), as we need to take a fresh look at student numbers for the spring. Please also indicate you preferred AM/PM assignment and whether your child will be using district transportation. Instructions can be found here: [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#).

We understand some may have been disappointed to hear that we are not able to return to "normal" full day in-person learning for all our students this spring. We also wish that were the case. However, the pandemic is ongoing for our community and we still need to be diligent in maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment. We are also still required to follow the state and local COVID-19 guidelines, including wearing face masks, maintaining physical distancing, and meeting other safety requirements. Unfortunately, we cannot currently accommodate all our students safely in our buildings at the same time, so we must continue to follow the Hybrid Learning Plan.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 metrics and make any adjustments to our Return to Learn Plan as needed to keep our community safe. We also work closely with the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) and in the coming weeks to months, our district staff will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as part of "Group 1b." The DCHD has stated that it will likely take 8 to 12 weeks to complete vaccination of this group. We do not currently have an exact timeline for distributing the vaccine to our staff, but we will make every effort to offer it for our staff at the earliest date possible to help keep our schools safe.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students engaged and learning!

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo  
Superintendent of Schools  
Keeneyville ESD 20