



July 17, 2020

Dear Palos 118 Parent/Guardian,

At last night's Board of Education meeting, it was announced that all three of the Palos 118 schools will be starting the school year on a split week hybrid (blended in-person instruction and remote learning) model with students attending school in two groups – Group A and Group B. Group A will attend in-person on Monday and Tuesday with remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Group B will attend in-person on Thursday and Friday with remote learning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. All schools will be closed on Wednesdays for deep cleaning between transitioning groups of students. An overview of the plan is posted on the District 118 website (www.palos118.org/Return2020)

The hybrid model will continue until September 28th at which time the school district intends to switch models to fully open (all students attend 5 days in person instruction) dependent upon, but not limited to, no increase in COVID 19 cases in the schools or surrounding areas and that we remain in the phase 4 of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan.

Feedback from our community survey stated that 26% of our families are not comfortable sending their children back to school regardless of the increased safety precautions. Taking that information into consideration, Palos 118 will also be offering a Full Remote Learning option for interested families. This option would provide 5 clock hours of remote learning instruction to students all 5 days of the week. This includes, but is not limited to, the teacher delivering instruction via recorded or synchronous platform, remote small group work via breakout room or conference call, independent activities, and grading/feedback from the teacher.

In order for the school district to plan accordingly and ensure safe and appropriate class sizes, **parents who want the Full Remote Learning option must complete the form below by no later than July 24th**. Please know that commitment to the full remote option is for the entire first quarter of the school year. Students will not be able to transition between remote learning and in-person instruction during this time.

We recognize that this is an unprecedented and stressful time for families. Please know that this is not the way that we want to begin any school year, but I am confident that we will overcome the many obstacles that are thrust upon us during a pandemic. I have the full confidence in our entire learning community that we will be able to work together to meet the academic needs of our students and the safety needs of all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Cozza
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum

[Remote Only Option Form](#)