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Dear Center Community,

During the Board of Education meeting last night, the Board approved the leadership team's recommendation to transition to Phase 3 of our CENTERed on Learning Plan, allowing for a return to the traditional setting and full in-person learning model to begin on the first day, Monday August 23, of the 2021-2022 Academic School Year.

With this approval, the Center School District will continue to offer access to a virtual learning option during the 2021-2022 school year for incoming 10th -12th grade students. This option will be offered through **Launch**, a virtual course access program designed to serve Missouri students, operated, and overseen by Springfield Public Schools.

For parents/guardians of students in grades K – 9th grade, we will handle requests from parents of students who want to be considered for virtual learning during the 2021-22 academic year on a case-by-case basis. Though our preferred instructional method is in person learning, we understand there may be extenuating circumstances. We prefer to engage our parents on this topic on an individual basis about past learner engagement, academic needs and attendance trends.

For parents/guardians of students who elect the Full Virtual Learning Mode option, please note a CSD teacher will not provide virtual instruction. This option will also require a signed agreement by both parents and students electing this learning mode for an entire semester and follow the Launch schedule, which begins on Monday, August 23, 2021. Clear attendance and academic expectations will be outlined in the agreement, including a statement that details the failure to meet requirements would result in students being moved to the preferred in-person learning mode. Additionally, reliable internet access from home and a weekly check in for all virtual students will be required. Important to note, an administrative review, involving building personnel, will help determine if virtual education is the most effective instruction for the student. Parents will be notified within ten business days of the receipt of the notice of intent of the district's decision. Our intent includes parent voice as part of the determining factors in this process. (*Students with IEP's may not fall within this 10-day timeline.) If a parents/guardian does not agree with the formal recommendation, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision.

For all K-12 parents/guardians of students with disabilities who are served through an IEP or 504 Plan, please know that, prior to registration in virtual courses, your child's team must consider how registering in virtual courses will impact provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE). You are an essential member of this team and, together, we will need to:

- 1) Determine IF virtual education is in the student's best educational interest, and
- 2) If virtual education is determined to be in his/her best educational interest, review/revise the IEP or 504 Plan to describe how FAPE will be provided in conjunction with virtual courses.

At this time, we will ask **only** families with students who wish to request the virtual learning mode option to fill out the Virtual Learning Mode Requests. There is a specific request for each school, so please select your child's school.

For more information please visit: <https://www.center.k12.mo.us/our-district/academics/virtual-learning>

Online Learning Agreement: [Online Learning Contract.docx - Google Drive](#)

The requests will close on Friday, June 11 for the summer. The request and review process will reopen from Thursday, July 22- Friday, July 30, 2021. To allow time to successfully enroll students in LAUNCH for the Fall semester, the District will stop receiving requests on Friday July 30, 2021.

If families do not submit a learning mode survey, their child will be enrolled in in-person learning mode. Additionally, all families are required to verify residency through the online enrollment process which opens on July 1, 2021. Final arrangements tied to virtual registration in Launch will not occur until after residency has been verified through our annual process.

<https://www.center.k12.mo.us/registration>

For questions about Launch, please feel free to visit the website:

[LAUNCH | Virtual course access for Missouri Students, designed, developed, and delivered by Missouri educators. \(fueledbylaunch.com\)](#)

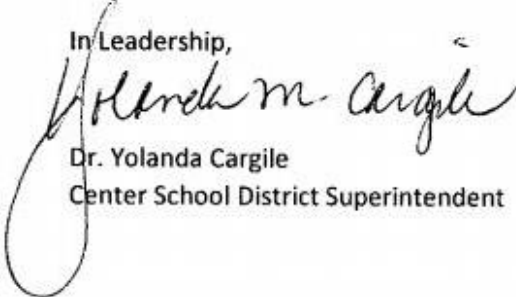
Or you may also contact the Academic Services Department at 816.349.3303.

You will find the full recommendation details included in the CENTERed on Learning Re-entry plan presentation, available in the Board of Education meeting documents:

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=229

In partnership with Truman Medical Center at Rockhurst High School, a large majority of CSD staff members were recently able to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Based on staff self-reporting and electing to receive the vaccine, an estimated 70 - 80% of CSD staff have received their second COVID-19 vaccine.

We appreciate each member of this community immensely. We are honored to partner with you to ensure your child has the best learning experiences Prekindergarten through grade twelve.

In Leadership,

Dr. Yolanda Cargile
Center School District Superintendent